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Held in Chester, S. C., commencing Thursday, December 12, 1861

Bishop James O. Andrew, Presiding.

The Conference met at nine o'clock, in the Court-house, and, after religious services, conducted by Bishop Andrew, the Roll was called, and one hundred and thirty-three members were present.

F. A. Mood, F. M. Kennedy and O. A. Darby were re-elected Secretaries.

Nine o'clock, A. M., and one o'clock, P. M., were fixed as the hours of meeting and adjournment.

The usual Committees for the session were appointed.

Conference continued its session during Friday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday following: the sessions being daily opened with reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer.

After answering the questions required by the Discipline, and receiving reports from the Literary and Benevolent Institutions connected with the Conference, and other business usual at

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Conference sessions had been transacted, the appointments for the ensuing year were announced, and the Conference adjourned with the benediction from the Bishop.

James Osgood Andrew, *Bishop*, Summerfield, Ala.
F. Asbury Mood, *Secretary*, Charleston, S. C.

Question I. *Who are Admitted on Trial?*

None.

Question II. *Who Remain on Trial?*

John L. Sifley, Duncan J. McMillan, James H. Tart, James J. Workman, James P. De Pass, Thomas W. Munnerlyn, Thomas H. Edwards, R. Benson Tarrant, William M. Wilson, John E. Penny, Henry J. Morgan, William A. Hodges, John L. Stoudemire, James F. Wilson, James D. Carpenter, Newton K. Melton, John A. Wood, James H. C. McKinney.—18.

Question III. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?*

James B. Campbell, John W. McRoy, James W. Coward, John Hutchison, Algernon S. Link, Thomas J. Clyde, John W. Humbert, Andrew J. Stokes, Lindsey C. Weaver, Peter L. Herman. —10.

Question IV. *Who are Readmitted?*

None.

Question V. *Who are Admitted by Transfer from other Conferences?*

None.

Question VI. *Who are the Deacons of One Year?*

James C. Stoll, Oliver Eaddy, Chambers E. Land, Robert B. Allston, George H. Wells, John B. Massebeau, Thomas G. Herbert, Frederick Auld, William Bowman, Wesley W. Graham.— 10.

Question VII. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

James B. Campbell, John W. McRoy, James W. Coward, John

Hutchison, Algernon S. Link, Thomas J. Clyde, John W. Humbert, Andrew J. Stokes, Lindsey C. Weaver, Peter L. Herman. —10.

Question VIII. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

J. M. Herlong, John B. Sherril, J. Franklin Norman, J. P. Smith.—4.

Question IX. *What Travelling Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

Henry D. Moore, Augustine W. Walker, William C. Power, Abram N. Wells, Augustus R. Bennick, John W. Abernathy, Van Buren A. Sharpe, Manning Brown.—8.

Question X. *What Local Preachers are Elected and Ordained Elders?*

James H. Postell.

Question XI. *Who have Located this Year?*

Robert L. Abernathy.

Question XII. *Who are Supernumerary?*

Samuel B. Jones, Addison P. Martin, Lindsey C. Weaver, William C. Kirkland, Colin Murchison, Abner Ervin.—6.

Question XIII. *Who are Superannuated?*

Alexius M. Foster, William C. Patterson, David Derrick, Hartwell Spain, Joel W. Townsend.—5.

Question XIV. *What Preachers have Died during the Past Year?*

Henry Hill Durant was born in Horry district, South Carolina, on the 3d day of April, 1814, and closed his earthly course at his residence in Spartanburg, on the 3d of December, 1861. From infancy he was religiously educated, and when about eleven years old he joined the Church,—shortly afterward obtaining the assurance of acceptance in the Beloved. When about eighteen years of age, he was licensed to preach. In the beginning of 1834 he entered the itinerant ministry, and that year was on the Union circuit. Then, successively, on Cooper River, Walterboro', Waccamaw and Black Swamp,—in which last appointment he spent two years. He was then sent successively to Barnwell, Cypress, Wadesboro', Santee, Fayetteville, Bennetsville, Georgetown, Black Swamp,

Spartanburg circuit, Spartanburg station, Lincolnton district, for four years; Abbeville for two years, and Spartanburg station. In 1858, he acted as agent for Spartanburg Female College. In the three succeeding years, he was agent for Wofford College. The troubles of the times rendered all operations in his agency nugatory, and he entered the service of his country as Chaplain of the South Carolina Volunteers. The exposures, the excitements, and the labors of camp life on the Potomac, broke him down in health and vigor. A few weeks at home he fondly hoped had restored him, and his zeal urged him back to the field of his toils and love. He very soon gave way again, reluctantly resigned his post and returned to his home to die—another martyr to the cause of Southern Independence. Our deceased brother was an able and useful minister of Christ. His sermons were strong, cogent and spiritual; in exhortation he was powerful and prevailing; while in prayer he was remarkably gifted, seeming at times to lift his congregation with him to the very throne of God, His affliction was borne with Christian confidence and resignation, and his end was peace—an appropriate close to such a life.

The Rev. A. H. Harmon died at the residence of Capt. J. M. Ingrem, in Lancaster district, South Carolina, on Tuesday night, the 20th August, 1861, in the thirty-ninth year of his age and the twelfth of his ministry. He was the son of Mr. Peter Harmon, of Cleveland county, North Carolina. He was admitted to the travelling connection at the Conference held in Spartanburg, 1848. In 1849 he travelled the Barnwell circuit, with R. J. Boyd; in 1850 Edgefield, with W. P. Mouzon; in 1851 Greenville, with S. M. Green; in 1852–3 Combahee and Ashepoo mission, with J. R. Coburn; in 1854 Jocassee mission; in 1855 Laurens circuit, with Thos. Raysor; in 1856 Wateree mission, with A. J. Cauthen; in 1857 Black River and Pee Dee mission, with J. W. Miller; in 1858 he was in charge of Santee mission, with C. E. Wiggins; in 1859 Williamsburg circuit, with O. A. Chritzberg; in 1860 he was on Bennetsville circuit, with R. R. Pegues; in 1861 he received his appointment to the Catawba mission, and entered upon his work in good time, with C. A. Plyler as junior supply, and labored with great acceptability and usefulness up to the 30th July, when he was prostrated by a catarrhal attack, which ultimately ran into hepatic congestion, and terminated in inflammation of the liver, of which he died. His early educational advantages were quite limited, and he entered the ministry soon after embracing religion, at the age of twenty-six, with a constitution naturally feeble; yet, by steady and persistent application, he had risen to the grade of a most acceptable and useful preacher. His piety was deep. Seldom, if ever, has he been found in any other than a devotional frame of mind. His genial flow of

spirits, his kindness and affability of manner, his warm, social feelings, and his great prudence, combined with such a religious element of character, justly won the admiration, love and esteem of all who knew him. As a pastor, brother Harmon delighted to visit his flock; and on such occasions he never failed to make his presence a blessing to the family circle, not simply by pleasant conversation upon general topics, but more especially by wholesome, religious counsels to the young, and a proper direction of the entire household in the way of religious duty. The result of his labors in this way will only be known when all his sheaves are gathered in the great harvest. In his intercourse with society, no man could have been more prudent than he was. Though faithful to rebuke sin, he ever did it with a kindness that won the affectionate regard of even such as he could not reform. He has left no mark of censure upon his conduct, and certainly not a shadow of reproach upon his character, either as a Christian gentleman or a faithful preacher of the Gospel. Early the present year, brother Harmon was married to Miss Martha Medley, of Anson county, N. C. Her bereavement is that of the Church. But she suffers, no doubt, the keenest pangs of grief, and our sympathies and prayers are most enlisted for the greatest sufferer. Little time was allowed him to manifest the stability and consistency of his character as a husband; but prudence and piety marked the short career he ran in this relation, even as much as warm affection or devoted attachment to the object of his choice. How early parted! As a son, he honored his father and mother in every proper sense, and his annual visits, which he never failed to pay them, were seasons of refreshing and gladness, while he was truly their pride and joy when absent in the Master's vineyard. As a brother, affection and deep solicitude for the welfare of those to whom he sustained this relation characterized all his conduct. As a friend, he was true to every interest confided to his keeping. Indeed, in all the relations of life, Alson H. Harmon was one of the very brightest examples worthy of study and imitation by all. Brother Harmon died as the righteous do. "Tell my brethren of the Conference," said he, "that my work is done, and I shall rest now." A few hours before breathing his last, he said, "I never thought it would be this way. I did not think religion could do so much. I thought I should be afraid to die, but I am not; nor am I excited. I feel calm, and yet I'm just as happy as I can be." Then calling to his stricken wife, he remarked with emphasis: "Religion is good to live with; good in health and good in sickness; but O! it is better to die with!" How truly may the Christian say, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

Rev. Girard George Washington DuPre was born in Greenville, S. C., November 24th, 1837; united with the Meth-

odist Church and was converted in the early part of 1859, and was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Greenville, S. C., December, 1859. In 1860 he travelled as junior preacher the Wadesboro' circuit. He was appointed the present ('61) year as junior on Monroe circuit.

Notwithstanding an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs soon after Conference, he went to his assigned work, but finding the work too much for him and experiencing another attack, he ceased working, but reluctantly. Dissatisfied without something to do, at his instance and according to a change by the Bishop, he went, apparently much improved, to a lighter work and milder climate. He returned in a few weeks to brother Thomas W. Kendall's in Wadesboro' circuit. A recurrence of hemorrhage at brother Asa Traywick's prevented for two weeks his return to brother K's. Above the attention of other friends is pre-eminent that of brother and sister Kendall, who carefully and affectionately attended and nursed him as a child of their own till he died; and then, after his funeral sermon by the writer, placed his remains on the train to be carried and buried, according to his request, beside his mother in Greenville. The consecration, labors and success which marked the short and brilliant course of this excellent young man, sketched a character to the glory of Christ and him crucified. In talent he was fairly endowed by the Creator, but much more by his Redeemer. Achievements in the greatest of all works—the proper guage of talent—would give brother D. a position beyond what is ordinary. The daily walk of brother D. in the ordinances and commandments of the Lord, made him an unequivocal and mighty witness for Christ. His zeal, guided and controlled by the single and holy purpose of his life, and tempered by an earnest, unaffected and social spirit, gave a success to his labors in the edification of the body of Christ, and in turning many from darkness to light, which vindicated his call to the ministry and evinced the skill of the workman. He said he could not reconcile a call to the ministry with a subsequent plea of "no talent or taste" for certain prescribed and knowingly assumed duties. He studied to know, and gave diligence to perform all the work required of him as a travelling preacher. He made no debts without the probability of paying, and also gave timely attention to have them paid. With impressiveness he bore himself in all things as becometh the gospel of Christ. The general esteem and love in which he was held by the Christian brotherhood and by the community, was the result of Christian and ministerial fidelity. His course and ministry are now finished and fulfilled. He fell early in the battle, but with armor on, at his post and in full view of the crown of glory which fadeth not away. The deceptive daily consumption of the outward man sometimes allowed the hope of mortal life to shine for a while, yet his constant and

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happy readiness to depart and be with Christ enabled him to submit the time of his departure wholly to the Lord. Accordingly, at 10½ o'clock, P. M., August 27th, without a struggle he feel asleep in Jesus.

QUESTION XV. *Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The life and administration of each one was carefully inquired into and approved by Conference. Osgood Andrew Chritzberg was expelled.

QUESTION XVI. *What is the number of Preachers and Members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?*

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	Members	Probationers	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Members Died	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Colored Adults Baptized	Colored Infants Baptized	Colored Members Died	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors taken	Number of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property.	For Missions	For Sunday Schools	Conference Collection
Charleston, Trinity	1	226	11	..	..	..	1470	299	..	..	..	1	22	192	....	850	130	1	..	$50,000	$921 20	$ 10 38	$132 50
" Cumberland	..	112	3	..	..	..	1228	97	..	..	..	2	47	86	174	1000	35	1	..	.....	132 43	115 58	14 00
" Bethel	2	176	17	..	..	..	1059	364	..	..	..	2	28	95	200	900	...	2	1	.....	111 70	90 00	118 00
Spring Street and City Mission	3	166	4	1	15	1	277	23	17	12	..	1	14	104	....	500	...	1	..	16,000	50 60	6 50	50 00
St. Andrew's Mission	..	....	....	..	..	..	160	87	..	..	..	..	...	...	50	....	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Walterboro' Circuit	3	741	50	2	3	4	490	140	..	..	..	..	...	...	....	....	...	21	1	.....	150 00	.....	100 00
St. George's and St. Paul's Miss'n.	..	48	3	..	..	..	101	64	..	..	..	..	...	...	120	....	...	3	..	.....	156 80	.....	.....
Pon Pon Mission	..	....	...	..	..	..	620	13	..	..	..	..	...	...	200	....	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ashepoo Mission	..	....	...	..	..	..	464	39	28	24	12	..	...	...	178	....	...	8	..	500	.....	.....	.....
Combahee Mission	..	....	...	..	..	..	547	36	..	10	3	..	...	...	284	....	...	3	1	2,000	780 00	.....	.....
Bamberg Circuit	4	200	17	8	6	4	279	30	30	15	..	4	12	48	30	....	...	6	1	6,000	10 00	.....	.....
Allendale Circuit	..	144	6	2	1	2	244	54	..	..	..	2	12	45	120	375	...	4	1	5,000	22 70	.....	13 40
Black Swamp Circuit	1	200	10	..	..	..	550	30	..	..	..	1	6	3	250	600	25	10	1	.....	65 00	.....	.....
Prince William's Mission	..	21	...	..	..	..	182	18	..	..	..	..	...	...	214	....	...	..	1	1,000	60 00	.....	.....
Savannah River Mission	..	....	...	..	..	..	574	15	..	..	..	..	...	...	331	....	...	4	..	.....	325 00	.....	.....
Bluffton Mission	1	35	4	..	..	..	181	40	..	..	..	1	5	20	300	....	...	2	..	2,000	110 00	.....	.....
Beaufort Mission	..	8	...	..	..	..	160	30	14	2	..	..	...	...	70	....	...	..	..	.....	250 00	.....	.....
Edisto and Jehossee Mission	..	....	...	..	..	..	518	219	..	..	..	..	...	...	....	....	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	15	2075	125	13	25	11	9104	1598	89	63	15	14	146	593	2591	3325	190	62	7	$82,500	$3,145 43	$222 46	$427 90

ORANGEBURG DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	Members	Probationers	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Members Died	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Colored Adults Baptized	Colored Infants Baptized	Colored Members Died	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Number of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	For Missions	For Sunday Schools	Conference Collection
Orangeburg Circuit	7	765	19	..	54	12	690	115	...	...	..	12	80	305	....	1000	25	18	1	$15,000 00	$105 00	.....	$62 82
St. Mathew's Mission	..	3	...	..	...	..	69	6	...	...	..	..	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cypress Circuit	2	544	33	2	21	10	451	34	5	72	..	6	29	107	....	398	....	9	1	6,000 00	325 00	$ 6 38	86 50
Summerville Mission	4	234	6	..	9	2	585	16	25	2	..	5	15	55	1	200	12	10	..	300 00	75 15	10 00	25 00
Cooper River Circuit	5	255	25	3	8	..	322	6	20	26	..	4	15	76	....	100	....	14	1	2,000 00	32 25	10 00	11 62
Cooper R. & Mid. St. J. Miss.	..	...	...	..	...	..	640	148	22	71	..	..	...	...	681	....	....	..	..	.....	120 00	.....	.....
St. James' Goose Creek Miss.	..	...	...	..	...	..	90	15	...	...	..	..	...	....	45	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
St. Georges' Circuit	4	622	12	2	100	6	483	...	...	46	..	8	53	222	30	150	....	10	1	5,000 00	114 45	18 34	30 00
Blackville Circuit	4	352	25	5	16	7	382	27	35	52	..	7	60	216	....	744	...	10	1	6,000 00	107 79	12 45	7 85
Edisto Fork Mission	..	79	7	..	5	..	69	2	2	...	..	4	11	53	40	....	....	4	..	1,500 00	.....	.....	.....
Barnwell Circuit	1	167	27	..	...	..	191	11	...	...	..	..	...	....	....	....	....	..	..	.....	9 25	.....	.....
Aiken Mission	2	23	5	..	4	2	85	30	20	9	..	2	6	15	25	250	5	1	..	5,000 00	150 00	5 00	11 00
Graniteville Mission	..	72	25	11	5	..	3	3	3	...	..	1	9	60	....	150	50	1	1	2,500 00	317 00	.....	17 00
Lexington Circuit	4	507	7	5	13	3	500	9	...	...	2	7	50	213	....	537	75	16	1	3,000 00	60 00	.....	25 00
Total	33	3623	191	28	235	42	4560	422	132	278	2	56	328	1322	822	3529	167	93	7	$46,300 00	$1,415 89	$62 17	$276 79

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Marion Station	3	124	22	..	...	3	176	34	...	...	..	2	10	75	40	300	35	1	1	$7,500 00	$74 16	$70 00	$50 00
Marion Circuit	15	916	41	21	35	1	562	32	12	3	..	12	55	350	....	986	...	20	1	14,000 00	3 00	.....	2 00
Georgetown	1	170	23	..	15	5	849	70	...	...	17	2	9	45	25	509	40	1	1	....	26 83	.....	35 40
Santee Mission	..	25	10	..	...	..	770	49	41	48	15	..	...	....	432	....	...	3	..	1,000 00	377 95	.....	.....
Bl'k River & Pee Dee Miss.	2	84	24	..	...	..	749	768	...	...	..	1	6	39	580	....	...	9	1	5,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Sampit Mission	..	....	...	..	...	..	148	37	...	75	2	..	...	....	160	....	...	...	1	3,000 00	350 00	.....	.....
Waccamaw Mission	..	29	...	..	6	1	676	230	32	23	13	..	...	....	265	....	...	4	1	5,000 00	990 00	.....	.....
Conwayboro' Circuit	11	863	81	..	...	..	255	106	...	...	..	5	32	146	....	895	...	23	1	4,515 00	.....	.....	.....
Conwayboro' Mission*	..	....	...	..	...	..	....	....	...	...	..	..	...	....	....	....	...	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
All Saints' Circuit	2	160	8	1	10	1	28	2	1	12	..	2	7	31	....	200	...	5	..	900 00	5 00	.....	2 00
Darlington Circuit	7	771	41	..	...	..	486	32	...	...	..	8	56	262	....	1775	...	14	1	9,099 00	117 00	.....	3 25
Lynchburg Circuit	2	454	134	..	...	..	391	75	...	...	..	7	56	240	....	735	...	12	1	4,350 00	133 88	12 95	10 50
Brownesville Circuit	5	418	101	10	17	..	288	60	23	34	..	6	...	217	80	410	15	6	..	.....	100 00	25 00	45 00
Williamsburg Circuit	3	556	86	2	13	4	1018	142	...	54	..	6	41	187	....	1497	11	14	1	12,000 00	121 32	.....	41 00
Darlington Station	1	73	9	..	...	2	280	41	...	...	..	2	15	32	60	375	...	1	..	3,000 00	53 75	.....	40 00
Liberty Chapel Miss. and Lynche's Creek Circuit	1	326	16	..	4	..	437	86	...	6	..	5	22	157	75	....	...	6	1	8,000 00	201 35	.....	.....
Total	53	4969	596	34	100	17	7113	1764	109	255	47	58	309	1781	1717	7682	101	119	11	$70,364 00	$2,554 16	$107 00	$229 17

*Included in the statistics of Conwayboro' Circuit.

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COLUMBIA:																							
Washington Street	3	296	52	..	...	..	626	54	...	...	..	5	36	292	100	1400	175	2	1	$20,400 00	$435 00	$129 40	$175 00
Medium Street Mission*	..	....	...	..	...	..	....	...	...	...	..	..	...	....	....	....	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marion Street	2	127	20	2	5	2	79	11	1	22	2	2	18	162	....	1100	90	1	..	5,000 00	180 25	110 12	75 00
Congaree Mission	..	13	...	..	...	1	364	10	...	...	18	..	...	.....	252	.....	...	..	..	.....	180 00	.....	.....
Fairfield Circuit	2	387	15	10	30	..	900	45	140	28	..	6	39	200	200	800	50	8	1	9,000 00	104 00	.....	20 00
Sandy River Mission	5	65	2	2	6	3	229	10	4	12	1	1	4	7	125	.....	...	3	..	1,000 00	131 31	.....	.....
Chester Circuit	..	270	20	12	21	5	180	10	15	12	6	4	15	90	25	375	40	4	1	5,000 00	65 00	10 00	17 00
Rocky Mount Circuit	1	274	80	12	7	3	700	260	24	9	..	4	22	170	....	400	...	5	1	7,000 00	155 00	.....	44 60
Richland Circuit	..	334	11	4	14	1	173	...	18	...	...	5	24	128	20	.....	...	9	..	2,500 00	61 00	.....	50 00
Richland Fork Mission	..	122	17	..	...	2	240	27	4	12	2	1	3	10	40	82	...	6	..	1,500 00	390 30	.....	.....
Camden	..	123	28	..	...	..	338	76	...	...	...	2	14	50	30	700	50	1	1	.....	156 00	20 00	46 00
Wateree Mission	..	48	7	2	8	..	1050	125	12	96	..	..	...	.....	447	.....	...	8	1	3,000 00	205 00	.....	.....
Sumter Station	3	184	24	22	13	..	621	30	34	27	..	2	12	68	70	220	...	1	1	6,000 00	27 00	24 00	14 25
Sumter Circuit	7	709	79	..	...	...	1389	149	87	64	..	8	63	271	....	707	...	14	1	18,000 00	193 00	12 00	95 00
Santee Circuit	5	220	25	..	3	5	385	...	...	...	4	2	12	45	36	270	30	7	1	7,000 00	30 00	.....	11 00
Upper Santee Mission	..	57	9	..	...	..	809	75	...	...	..	8	...	.....	300	.....	...	8	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manning Circuit	..	238	48	..	4	7	480	87	...	3	..	3	16	80	100	650	...	4	..	4,000 00	40 00	.....	.....
Total	28	3467	437	66	111	29	8563	969	339	285	33	53	278	1573	1745	6704	435	81	9	$99,400 00	$2,232 86	$305 52	$547 85

*Included in the statistics of Washington Street.

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	Members	Probationers	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Members Died	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Colored Adults Baptized	Colored Infants Baptized	Colored Members Died	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Number of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	For Missions	For Sunday Schools	Conference Collection
Cokesbury Circuit	2	466	40	..	...	..	500	50	...	..	..	4	24	150	..	949	..	12	2	$13,000 00	$42 00	.....	$75 00
Laurens Circuit	4	746	79	..	...	..	416	131	...	..	..	8	44	215	..	775	..	17	1	18,000 00	53 00	.....	25 00
Newberry Station	..	64	6	..	3	1	155	7	3	..	3	2	12	50	30	50	25	1	1	2,500 00	49 00	$8 00	30 00
Newberry Circuit	2	701	42	..	...	..	1129	...	...	..	..	8	52	292	..	560	..	17	1	12,000 00	141 00	.....	43 98
Saluda River Mission	..	31	4	..	1	..	118	4	13	4	..	..	...	....	..	....	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ninety-Six Circuit	2	259	4	2	4	3	391	6	...	..	..	2	13	50	25	150	..	6	..	6,000 00	.....	.....	5 25
Rocky Pond Mission	2	186	48	10	5	4	144	26	5	8	6	2	12	64	..	125	..	4	..	3,000 00	20 00	.....	.....
Butler Circuit	2	312	2	..	4	..	221	...	...	..	..	2	6	47	..	275	..	8	1	6,000 00	126 85	.....	15 45
Edgefield Circuit	2	279	6	5	8	1	135	8	7	3	..	4	21	158	15	575	..	5	1	8,500 00	42 50	13 00	17 00
Abbeville Circuit	2	703	...	..	10	1	1350	...	56	15	..	3	12	125	..	....	..	10	1	12,800 00	66 50	.....	7 00
Anderson Circuit	6	300	5	9	20	..	147	7	21	11	..	5	23	170	..	75	..	7	..	3,500 00	50 00	.....	25 00
Pendleton Circuit	3	406	20	21	16	3	313	37	20	15	2	7	52	289	..	664	..	6	..	6,300 00	33 50	26 15	7 50
Pickens Circuit	4	398	19	8	21	5	33	6	...	6	1	4	29	119	..	220	..	11	..	800 00	9 75	.....	5 50
Williamston Circuit	..	175	33	12	8	3	81	39	...	..	..	4	31	160	..	415	..	4	..	1,000 00	33 70	.....	5 25
Total	31	5026	308	67	100	21	5133	321	125	62	12	55	331	1889	70	4833	25	108	8	$93,400 00	$667 80	$47 15	$251 93

WADESBORO' DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	Members	Probationers	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Members Died	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Colored Adults Baptized	Colored Infants Baptized	Colored Members Died	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Number of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	For Missions	For Sunday Schools	Conference Collection
Wadesboro' Station	..	156	...	...	9	1	148	10	12	15	4	1	18	116	....	400	50	1	..	$5,000	$139 00	$42 00	.....
Wadesboro' Circuit	3	530	90	...	...	..	420	80	...	...	..	5	35	170	....	575	....	13	1	3,000	130 00	8 00	$20 00
Ansonville Circuit	3	420	15	17	10	6	210	15	...	...	..	9	48	368	....	700	30	9	..	5,000	.....	.....	.....
Albermarle Circuit	3	693	35	7	18	3	109	10	...	...	..	12	53	464	....	2020	....	13	1	4,300	21 25	.....	12 00
Concord Circuit	1	714	80	7	100	4	339	56	12	18	2	12	82	450	....	1419	....	13	1	8,800	101 10	.....	20 00
Rocky River Mission*	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monroe Circuit	4	868	88	45	20	11	352	67	23	12	..	9	21	292	48	1200	....	20	1	7,650	49 00	.....	21 75
Lancaster Circuit	..	383	19	30	21	4	338	29	41	119	5	8	36	186	231	1475	25	5	1	16,500	95 00	57 00	15 00
Catawba River Mission	..	6	...	...	...	..	532	...	...	9	..	..	....	....	73	....	....	5	..	.....	72 50	.....	.....
Chesterfield Cir. and Miss.	4	439	40	40	25	8	329	4	30	15	..	7	33	240	10	718	....	14	1	6,000	79 71	5 50	10 43
Cheraw	..	102	2	...	12	1	202	10	18	39	3	2	15	74	35	350	40	1	..	5,500	168 00	15 00	57 00
Bennettsville Circuit	6	942	119	11	44	..	546	16	11	50	2	11	62	290	75	821	....	15	1	18,700	230 00	.....	90 00
Society Hill Mission	..	7	2	1	...	..	273	18	...	...	8	..	....	....	180	....	....	1	1	300	117 00	.....	.....
Total	24	5260	490	158	169	38	3798	315	147	277	24	76	403	2650	652	7878	145	110	8	$75,750	$1,202 56	$127 50	$246 18

* Included in the report of Concord Circuit.

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS, AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	Members	Probationers	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Members Died	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Colored Adults Baptized	Colored Infants Baptized	Colored Members Died	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Number of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property	For Missions	For Sunday Schools	Conference Collection
Lincolnton Circuit	3	626	39	10	36	4	319	5	..	15	1	7	52	267	....	1210	40	13	1	$7,000 00	$50 55	$12 00	$10 53
Dallas Circuit	1	253	34	8	11	..	78	2	..	4	..	3	15	130	....	247	....	9	..	1,090 00	.....	.....	17 00
Pineville Circuit	..	255	7	9	4	7	189	37	21	..	..	4	19	119	....	218	....	4	1	5,000 00	54 00	4 80	25 00
Charlotte Station	1	125	3	..	1	1	159	12	3	13	3	1	17	85	....	500	40	1	1	10,500 00	120 00	60 00	36 00
Charlotte Circuit	1	680	48	..	....	..	278	16	..	..	..	2	7	86	....	378	....	13	..	8,000 00	45 35	.....	11 50
Catawba Circuit	3	1118	169	..	....	..	173	13	..	..	..	10	89	438	....	809	....	21	1	.....	87 00	20 00	13 00
Rich Mountain Miss.	2	345	20	10	20	..	30	....	..	..	..	8	38	175	....	300	....	12	..	500 00	27 13	.....	.....
Lenoir Circuit and Caldwell Mission	4	559	135	25	35	7	109	29	12	21	2	6	41	168	....	670	....	13	1	2,500 00	58 88	70 50	16 00
Morganton Circuit	3	583	75	..	....	..	390	50	..	..	..	10	50	250	....	285	....	12	1	2,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Shelby Circuit	4	780	74	20	20	5	200	18	..	..	1	10	85	460	....	1050	16	13	..	5,200 00	63 65	.....	11 60
Yorkville Station	1	131	6	..	....	1	128	28	2	..	2	2	27	55	112	400	30	2	..	1,000 00	30 50	.....	5 70
Rock Hill Circuit	1	406	42	..	....	4	464	27	..	..	..	3	15	125	....	175	35	7	1	3,000 00	71 60	5 50	30 00
Total	24	5861	652	82	127	29	2517	237	38	53	9	66	455	2358	112	6242	161	120	7	$45,790 00	$618 66	$172 80	$176 33

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	Local Preachers	Members	Probationers	Adults Baptized	Infants Baptized	Members Died	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Colored Adults Baptized	Colored Infants Baptized	Colored Members Died	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Visitors Taken	Number of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property.	For Missions	For Sunday Schools	Conference Collection
Spartanburg Station	1	223	15	..	..	..	99	23	..	..	..	3	33	205	..	950	100	1	1	.....	$225 00	.....	$100 00
Spartanburg Circuit	4	499	46	4	2	1	40	2	3	..	..	6	42	205	..	595	...	14	1	$6,000 00	63 84	.....	23 04
Broad River Mission	..	32	...	..	..	..	....	...	..	..	..	..	...	....	..	....	...	...	..	.....	15 00	.....	.....
Rutherford Circuit	1	432	38	..	..	..	218	34	..	..	..	5	17	120	..	400	25	10	1	7,000 00	57 00	.....	23 25
Hickory Nut Gap Mission	..	34	24	12	4	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	3	20	..	100	...	3	..	250 00	7 00	.....	.....
McDowell Circuit	3	286	8	4	26	3	133	6	..	..	5	3	11	87	..	115	15	10	..	.....	34 00	$9 85	11 00
Columbus Circuit	..	290	20	..	..	2	90	14	..	..	..	8	38	160	..	600	...	10	..	2,545 00	21 00	.....	13 00
Pickensville Circuit	2	456	26	..	..	..	60	7	..	..	..	10	56	363	..	810	...	10	..	2,000 00	33 15	15 00	15 00
Keowee Mission	..	125	27	17	21	..	8	3	3	..	..	7	41	183	..	150	...	8	..	675 00	28 90	.....	.....
Greenville Station	1	160	6	6	15	1	330	50	40	..	7	2	25	120	..	1500	62	2	..	3,200 00	81 35	50 00	30 00
Greenville Circuit	6	993	57	..	..	..	238	8	..	..	..	7	51	299	20	300	20	14	1	6,500 00	65 00	.....	30 00
Union Circuit	2	658	107	35	5	2	325	109	..	..	..	12	68	320	15	600	...	17	1	2,000 00	78 50	80 00	95 00
Goshen Hill Circuit	..	260	...	..	..	..	378	...	..	..	..	2	10	80	..	100	...	6	..	5,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Pacolet Circuit	..	97	19	3	9	3	145	23	5	14	2	2	17	74	30	800	30	5	..	6,700 00	10 50	57 00	10 75
Total	20	4545	393	81	82	12	2065	280	52	14	14	68	412	2236	65	7020	162	110	5	$41,870 00	$720 24	$211 85	$351 04

RECAPITULATION.

NAMES OF THE DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers	Members	Probationers	Colored Members	Colored Probationers	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Colored Scholars	Volumes in Library	Numer of Churches	Parsonages	Value of Church Property.
Charleston District	15	2,075	125	9,104	1,598	14	146	593	2,591	3,325	62	7	$82,500 00
Orangeburg District	33	3,619	191	4,460	422	56	328	1,322	822	3,529	93	7	46,300 00
Marion District	53	4,967	586	7,113	1,764	56	299	1,706	1,677	7,382	118	10	62,864 00
Columbia District	28	3,451	437	8,495	969	48	278	1,573	1,745	6,704	81	9	99,400 00
Cokesbury District	31	5,126	308	5,133	321	55	331	1,889	70	4,833	108	8	93,400 00
Wadesboro' District	24	5,160	490	3,798	315	76	403	2,560	652	7,878	110	8	75,750 00
Lincolnton District	24	5,861	652	2,517	237	66	455	2,358	112	6,242	120	7	45,790 00
Spartanburg District	20	4,545	393	2,074	280	68	412	2,236	65	7,020	110	5	41,870 00
Total this year	228	34,804	3,182	42,694	5,906	439	2,652	14,237	7,734	46,913	802	61	$547,874 00
Total last year	230	34,351	5,584	42,469	7,305	481	3,233	17,213	6,516	47,567	809	66	542,998 00
Increase	.....	453	.....	225	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,218	.....	.....	...	$4,876 00
Decrease	2	.....	2,402	.....	1,399	42	581	2,976	.....	654	7	5	.....

QUESTION XVII. *What amounts are necessary for the Superannuated Preachers and the Widows and Orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance in their respective districts, circuits and stations?*

$6,979.

QUESTION XVIII. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

$2,700 31; and divided among thirty claimants, according to the Discipline.

QUESTION XIX. *What has been contributed for the Missionary and Sunday School Societies?*

For Missions, $14,413. For Sunday Schools, $1,281 45.

QUESTION XX. *Where and when shall the next Session of the Conference be held?*

In Spartanburg, S. C.; the time to be fixed by the Bishops.

QUESTION XXI. *Where are the Preachers stationed this year?*

DISTRICTS, CIRCUITS, STATIONS AND MISSIONS.	NAMES OF PREACHERS.	POST-OFFICES.
CHARLESTON DISTRICT.	F. Asbury Mood, P. E.	Charleston, S. C.
Charleston :		
Cumberland Street.....	Cornelius McLeod.....	" "
Trinity	John T. Wightman ...	" "
Bethel	Abel M. Chritzberg....	" "
Spring Street.....	John W. Humbert	" "
Walterboro'	Elias J. Meynardie and John E. Penny	Walterboro', "
Ashley and Round O Mission.....	Abram Nettles	Summerville, "
Pon Pon Mission	Peyton G. Bowman...	Adams' Run, "
Ashepoo Mission.....	James W. Coward.....	
Combahee Mission	Martin L. Banks.....	Blue House, "
Bamberg	Thomas Raysor.....	Bamberg, "
Allendale	William J. E. Frippe..	Allendale, "
Black Swamp.....	Samuel Leard and Newton K. Melton..	Brighton, "
Prince Williams Mis'n	Edw'd J. Pennington.	Pocotaligo, "
Savannah River Mis'n	John R. Coburn	Hardeeville, "
Bluffton Mission.....	To be supplied	

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Beaufort Mission.....	To be supplied.....	
Edisto and Jehossee Mission.....	To be supplied.....	
Missionary to China...	Benjamin Jenkins.....	Shanghai, China.
Chaplain 1st Reg't S. C. Rifles	William H. Fleming...	
Orangeburg district.	Wm. G. Connor, P. E.	Graham's t. o., S.C.
Orangeburg	John W. Kelly and Andrew J. Stokes...	Orangeburg, "
St. Mathew's Mission..	John W. McRoy.....	Fort Motte, "
Cypress.....	John D. W. Crook and James J. Workman.	Holly Hill, "
Summerville Mission..	J. Wesley Miller.....	Summerville, "
Cooper River.....	John W. Abernathy...	Pineville, "
Cooper River Mission.	To be supplied.....	
Middle St. John's Mis.	George W. Moore.....	Charleston, "
St. James Goose Creek Mission	To be supplied.....	
St. George's	William Hutto	St. George's, "
Blackville.....	Charles Wilson.....	Blackville, "
Edisto Fork Mission...	Edmund A. Price	Jordan's Mills, "
Barnwell.....	William Carson.....	Williston, "
Aiken.....	Edward F. Thwing....	Aiken, "
Graniteville Mission...	Marcus A. McKibben.	Graniteville, "
Lexington	David W. Seale and William A. Clarke...	Lexington, "
Chaplain 1st Reg't S. C. Volunteers.....	Alexander B. Stephens	
In the army.....	Wesley W. Graham...	
Marion district.	Wm. P. Mouzon, P. E.	Marion, "
Marion	Thomas Mitchell.....	" "
Marion Circuit	John W. Murray and Henry J. Morgan...	" "
Georgetown.....	John A. Porter.....	Georgetown, "
Santee Mission	Abram P. Avant.....	" "
Black River and Pee Dee Mission.....	Israel P. Hughes	" "
Sampit Mission	John A. Mood.....	" "
Waccamaw Mission ...	Charles Betts.....	" "
Conwayboro'.....	George H. Wells, Jas. H. Tart and Abner Ervin, supernum's...	

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Darlington	Dennis J. Simmons	Darlington, S. C.
Lynchburgh	Minton A. Connelly	Lynchburgh, "
Brownesville	Lewis M. Hamer	
Williamsburgh	Wm. A. Hemmingway and D. J. McMillan	
Darlington Circuit	Lewis M. Little and James F. Wilson	Darlington, "
Liberty Chapel and Lynche's Creek	Wesley L. Pegues and Oliver Eaddy	Mar's Bluff, "
Left without appointments, at their own request	R. Randolph Pegues, Paul F. Kistler and Willis S. Haltom	
Columbia district	Robert J. Boyd, P. E.	Columbia, "
Columbia:		
Washington St	Whatcoat A. Gamewell	" "
Marion St	John W. North	" "
Congaree Mission	Nicholas Talley	" "
Fairfield	And'w J. Cauthen and John B. Massebeau	
Chester	John R. Pickett	Chester, "
Sandy River Mission	Evan A. Lemmond	
Rocky Mount	Claudius H. Pritchard	
Richland	William Crook	Columbia, "
Richland Fork Mission	Samuel Townsend	" "
Camden	Manning Brown	Camden, "
Wateree Mission	James L. Shuford and William M. Wilson	" "
Sumter	Henry D. Moore	Sumter, "
Sumter Circuit	Alex. L. Smith and John L. Sifley	" "
Santee	Miles Puckett	Friendship P.O. "
Upper Santee Mission	David D. Byars	" " "
Manchester Mission	Thos. W. Munnerlyn	Fulton, "
Manning	William M. Mood	Manning, "
President Columbia Female College	William Martin	Columbia, "
Chaplain 6th regiment S. C. Volunteers	Robert B. Allston	

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Left without appointment, by his own request	Jonathan L. McGregor	
Cokesbury district ..	Wm. A. McSwain, P.E.	Cokesbury, S. C.
Cokesbury	John M. Carlisle and Sam'l B. Jones, sup.	" "
Laurens	James T. Kilgo, John A. Wood and Addison P. Martin, sup...	Laurens, "
Newberry	Bond English	Newberry, "
Newberry Circuit	Jas. W. Wightman and Peter L. Herman...	" "
Ninety Six	Sidi H. Browne	Ninety-Six, "
Saluda River Mission..	William H. Lawton...	
Rocky Pond Mission ..	Geo. W. M. Creighton..	
Butler	Thomas G. Herbert ...	
Edgefield	Jacob S. Connor	Edgefield, "
Abbeville	Aaron G. Stacy and R. Benson Tarrant..	Abbeville, "
Anderson	William Bowman	Anderson, "
Pendleton	Van Buren A. Sharpe.	Pendleton, "
Pickens	Francis M. Morgan ...	Pickens, "
Left without appointment, at his own request	Arch'd B. McGilvray..	
Wadesboro' district.	Charles Taylor, P. E.	Wadesboro', N. C.
Wadesboro'	Samuel J. Hill	" "
Wadesboro' Circuit....	Basil G. Jones and John D. Carpenter..	" "
Ansonville	James M. Cline	Ansonville, "
Ag't Car. Fem. College	To be supplied	
Albermarle	Simpson Jones	Albermarle, "
Concord	Landy Wood	Concord, "
Monroe.	John W. Puett and James L. Stoudemire	Monroe, " Monroe, "
Lancaster	Augustine W. Walker and John Hutchison...	Lancaster, S. C.
Catawba River Miss.	Chambers E. Land.....	
Chesterfield Circuit and Mission	Louis Scarboro	Chesterfield, "
Cheraw	Eugene W. Thompson	Cheraw, "
Bennettsville	Tracy R. Walsh and James B. Campbell	Bennettsville, "
Society Hill Mission...	Daniel A. Ogburn.....	Society Hill, "
Chaplain 14th Reg't N. C. Volunteers....	William C. Power.....	

Districts, Circuits, Stations and Missions.	Names of Preachers.	Post-offices.
Left without appointments, at their own request	Hilliard C. Parsons & Louis A. Johnson	
Lincolnton district.	Robt. P. Franks, P. E.	Wadesboro', N. C.
Lincolnton	George W. Ivey	Lincolnton, "
Dallas	Abram N. Wells	
Pineville	Allen McCorquodale	Pineville, "
Charlotte	F. Milton Kennedy	Charlotte, "
Charlotte Circuit	Osgood A. Darby	" "
Catawba	Augustus R. Bennick	Newton, "
Lenoir	John Watts	Lenoir, "
Morganton	James C. Stoll	Morganton, "
Shelby	Jessie S. Nelson	Shelby, "
Yorkville	William S. Black	Yorkville, S. C.
Rock Hill	Daniel May and Algernon S. Link	Rock Hill, "
President Davenport Female College	Henry M. Mood	Lenoir, N. C.
In the Army	Thomas H. Edwards	
Spartanburg dist.	H. A. C. Walker, P. E.	Spartanburg, S. C.
Spartanburg	Jas. Stacy, and Lindsey C. Weaver, sup.	" "
Spartanburg Circuit	Joseph Parker, and Wm. C. Kirkland, sup.	" "
McDowell	Martin Eaddy	McDowell, N. C.
Rutherford	William W. Jones	Rutherford, "
Columbus	Thomas J. Clyde	
Pacolet	William A. Hodges	
Goshen Hill	John Finger	Goshen Hill, S. C.
Union	John H. Zimmerman, and C. Murchison, sup.	Union, "
Greenville	Fredrick Auld	Greenville, "
Greenville Circuit	Archibald H. Lester & Jas. H. C. McKinney	Buena Vista, "
Pickensville	T. Sumter Daniel	Pickensville, "
Keowee Mission	To be supplied	
Wofford College	A. M. Shipp, President Whitefoord Smith, Pr.	Spartanburg, "
Chaplain 34th N. C. Reg't Volunteers	James S. Ervin	
In the Army	J. W. Crider, J. P. De Pass & A. W. Walker	

Samuel Leard was appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Junior Preachers.

COMMITTEES TO EXAMINE THE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL, AND THE CLASSES ON THE COURSE OF STUDY FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

To Examine the Candidates.—H. A. C. Walker, *Chairman;* Samuel Leard, Cornelius McLeod.

First Year.—W. H. Fleming, *Chairman;* J. A. Mood, C. H. Pritchard, R. P. Franks.

Second Year.—F. M. Kennedy, *Chairman;* A. G. Stacy, J. W. North, Miles Puckett.

Third Year.—C. Murchison, *Chairman;* J. T. Wightman, D. J. Simmons, J. A. Porter.

Fourth Year.—J. Stacy, *Chairman;* J. W. Miller, A. H. Lester, E. J. Meynardie.

COURSE OF STUDY.

First Year.—The Bible: historical and biographical parts, with reference to Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary, enlarged, with new Biblical Atlas, and Preachers' Text Book. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. I. Discipline. Hymn Book. Clarke's Preachers' Manual. Watson's Institutes, Part III. Theological Compend. English Grammar. Composition.

Second Year.—The Bible: as to the Institutions of Christianity, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. II. Discipline, with reference to Henkel's Analysis. Hymn Book. Smith's Elements of Divinity. Watson's Institutes, Part IV. Watson's Life of Wesley, and Observations on Southey. Essay or Sermon, with reference to Quackenboss' Advanced Course of Composition and Rhetoric.

Third Year.—The Bible: as to Doctrines, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. III. Discipline. Hymn Book. Watson's Institutes, Part II. Whately's Rhetoric. Essay or Sermon, with reference to Vinet's Pastoral Theology.

Fourth Year.—The Bible, generally, with reference to Watson's Dictionary, as above. Wesley's Sermons, Vol. IV. Discipline. Hymn Book. River's Elements of Moral Philosophy. Watson's Institutes, Part I. Powell on Succession. Ruter's Church History. Whately's Logic. Essay or Sermon.

For Candidates for Admission.—*History of the Bible, Texts:* Clavis' Biblica; Bible in Many Tongues; our English Bible; *Logic,* Hedge's; Blair's Lectures, *abridged;* Geography, Ancient and Modern; English Grammar; Doctrines and Discipline.

RESOLUTIONS.

CITY OF CHARLESTON.

The Conference adopted the following resolution, by a vote of 58 *ayes* and 33 *nays:*

Resolved, That we request, through our delegates, our ensuing General Conference to enlarge the discretionary powers of the Bishops in reference to the City of Charleston, as in the case of the City of New Orleans, allowing them—when in their godly judgments they think best—to return the Preachers to that city longer than two years.

ADMITTING PREACHERS ON TRIAL, AND RELATIONS OF THE PREACHERS.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to General Conference to introduce the matter of admitting Preachers on trial, and ask to have the present law so altered as not to require candidates to attend the session at which they are admitted.

Resolved, That our delegates be likewise instructed to go for the measure of having them examined on the course of study now prescribed by a committee appointed by the presiding Elder, himself being chairman, and that such examination be reported to the Conference.

Resolved, That we instruct our delegates to General Conference to use their influence to change that part of our discipline that does not allow a Preacher any relation except effective, supernumerary or superannuated, and allow each Conference to dispose of its members as it may judge best.

FASTING AND PRAYER.

Resolved, That with profound thanksgiving to Almighty God, we acknowledge His Providence in preserving our beloved Zion through the peculiarly trying circumstances of the past year, and in building up her walls even in these troublous times.

Resolved, That as Christian ministers and citizens of these Confederate States, we return thanks to Almighty God for the success with which He has hitherto crowned our efforts in our struggle for independence.

Resolved, That the first Friday in April and September next be set apart as days of Fasting and Prayer to Almighty God for a general revival of religion, for His blessings upon our literary institutions and the various enterprises of the church, and that special prayer be made for our army and our country that the present cruel war may be soon abated and peace restored in all our borders.

Resolved, That we do hereby constitute R. J. Boyd, W. G. Connor, F. A. Mood, G. W. Williams and Harvey Cogswell, commissioners to act in conjunction with commissioners from the Georgia and Florida Conferences in reference to the place of publication of the Southern Christian Advocate, should any action be required in the premises, and

F. A. Mood and J. T. Wightman were appointed the members of the Publishing Committee from the South Carolina Conference.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

AUXILIARY TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be denominated "The Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to assist the parent Society to extend its Missionary labors in the Confederate States and elsewhere.

ART. III. The officers shall hold office for four years from time of election, and shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and twenty-four Managers; eight of whom shall be members of the South Carolina Conference, eight laymen, one being chosen from each presiding Elder's district, and the presiding Elders *ex-officio;* and at all meetings of the Board of Managers, it shall require seven to constitute a quorum.

ART. IV. The Board of Managers shall have power to fill vacancies in the Board, occurring by death or otherwise, during the intervals of Conference Sessions.

ART. V. The Board shall have authority to make By-Laws for regulating its own proceedings; and shall annually submit a report of its transactions and funds to the Society; and shall inform the Conference of the state of its funds.

ART. VI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Society, subject to the drafts of the Bishop, in accordance with the second Article of the Constitution.

Art. VII. Each subscriber paying $1 annually, shall be a member of this Society; and the payment of $10 shall constitute a member for life.

Art. VIII. The Annual meeting of this Society shall be held some time during the session of the Conference, at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

Art. IX. The President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Board of Managers.

Art. X. At all meetings of the Society, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents, or in the absence of the Vice-Presidents such member as shall be appointed by the meeting, shall preside.

Art. XI. The Minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Recording Secretary.

Art. XII. The Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds of the Annual Conference, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

BY-LAWS.

I. The Managers shall meet annually, at such places as may be appointed for the Annual Conference, on the day previous to its sitting.

II. At all meetings of the Board, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President, or President *pro tem.*, shall take the chair at the hour appointed; shall preserve order, and appoint committees; and shall, also, have authority to appoint extra meetings of the Board.

III. The Secretary shall keep a correct journal of the minutes and proceedings of the Board, and attend all its sittings when practicable; and, in case of absence, transmit the record of the Board to the place of meeting.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of receipts and expenditures, which shall be submitted, with the necessary vouchers, to an Auditing Committee to be appointed by the Board at each annual meeting.

V. The Board shall hold a meeting on a day not later than the seventh of the Conference sessions, at which the Treasurer shall be required to furnish a statement of the funds; and the Board shall, thereupon, notify the presiding Bishop of the amount for which drafts may be made the ensuing year.

The Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of South Carolina Conference met in the Court-house, December 10th, 1861, in Chester, S. C.

The anniversary exercises were held in the Methodist Church, Saturday evening, 14th. The meeting was opened with reading

the Scriptures, singing and prayer, by Rev. W. A. McSwain. Addresses were delivered by Rev. J. R. Pickett and Rev. W. G. Connor.

The annual report prepared by Dr. A. M. Shipp, was read by Dr. C. Taylor. (See report.)

The Board submit the following synopsis of the operations of the Society for the past year:

1. *St. Andrew's Mission* was served by Rev. A. R. Danner. He reports the Mission in a good condition; colored in full connection, 160; on trial, 89; catechumens, 50. This Mission, by order of the Board, was connected with the St. George's and St. Paul's Mission.

2. *Pon Pon Mission* was served by Rev. P. G. Bowman. He reports 11 plantations, served 620 colored members in full connection, 13 on trial. He considers the Mission in a healthy condition.

3. *Ashepoo Mission* was served by J. W. Coward. He reports the Mission in a good condition. (No statistics furnished.)

4. *Prince William's Mission* was served by Rev. W. W. Mood. He reports 8 preaching-places; whites in full connection, 2; colored, 182; on trial, 18; catechumens, 214.

5. *St. Matthew's Mission* was served by Rev. Samuel Smoke, a local preacher. Whites in full connection, 3; colored in full connection, 68; on trial, 6.

6. *Cooper River and Middle St. John's Mission* was served by Rev. G. W. Moore. He reports 30 plantations served; colored in full connection, 640; on trial, 148; amount for Missions, $120. Catechumens, 681. This Mission was divided—one to be called Cooper River, the other, Middle St. John's.

7. *Aiken Mission* was served by Rev. E. F. Thwing. 2 local preachers, 23 white members in full connection, 5 on trial; colored members, 85; on trial, 30. On motion, it was discontinued as a Mission.

8. *Santee Mission* was served by Revs. J. Finger and J. H. Tart. 19 plantations, served 11 preaching-places, 770 colored members, 49 on trial; whites, 23; on trial, 10.

9. *Black River and Pee Dee*—Rev. Abner Ervine, missionary. Local preachers, 2; white members, 84; on trial, 24; colored members, 749; on trial, 168; amount for Missions, $185; catechumens, 580.

10. *Sampit Mission*—this Mission was served by Rev. J. A. Mood—who reports: colored members, 148; on trial, 37; catechumens, 160; amount for Missions, $350. Condition good.

11. *Waccamaw Mission* was served by Rev. Charles Betts. Whites, 29; colored, 676; on trial, 230; catechumens, 265; amount for Missions, $968. Condition good.

12. *Summerville Mission* was served by Rev. C. McLeod. 10 preaching-places; white members, 230; on trial, 6; colored, 585; on trial, 16. Condition good.

13. *Conwayboro' Mission* was served by Rev. A. S. Link. This Mission was connected with Conwayboro' Circuit, and, on motion, has been discontinued.

14. *Congaree Mission* was served by Rev. N. Tally. He reports, white members, 13; colored, 364; on trial, 10; catechumens, 252. Condition good.

15. *Richland Fork Mission* was served by Rev. W. H. Wilson. White members, 122; on trial, 17; colored, 240; on trial, 27; amount raised for Missions, $390 30. Condition good.

16. *Rocky Pond Mission* was served by Rev. G. W. Creighton. He reports 8 appointments; white members, 186; on trial, 52; colored, 158; on trial, 29. Condition good.

17. *Rocky River Mission* was served by Rev. O. A. Chritzberg. No statistics. On motion, the Mission was discontinued.

18. *Catawba River Mission* was served by Rev. A. Harmon. He reports 532 colored members; whites, 6; catechumens, 73; amount for Missions, $72 50. Condition good.

19. *Society Hill Mission* was served by Rev. D. A. Ogburn. He reports 7 preaching-places, 15 plantations served; white members, 9; colored, 273; on trial, 18; catechumens, 180; amount for Missions, $117.

20. *Broad River Mission* was served by Rev. J. Parker. He reports 8 preaching-places, 32 colored members; $15 raised for Missions.

21. *Liberty Chapel Mission* was served by Rev. J. B. Campbell. He reports the Mission in good condition. On motion, it was connected with Lynche's Creek Circuit. Statistics reported in that Circuit.

22. *City Mission* was connected with Spring Street Church. On motion, it was discontinued.

23. *Beaufort Mission* was served by Rev. I. P. Hughes. White members, 8; colored, 160; on trial, 30; catechumens, 70.

24. *Edisto and Jehossee Mission* was served by Rev. Charles Wilson. He reports 518 colored members; 207 on trial; $250 raised for Missions.

25. *Savannah River Mission* was served by Rev. J. R. Coburn and J. W. McRoy. 10 preaching-places; colored members, 574; on trial, 15; catechumens, 331; amount for Missions, $325. Condition good.

26. *St. George's, St. Paul's and Round O Mission* was served by Rev. A. Nettles. He reports 6 plantations served; 46 white members; on trial, 3; colored members, 101; on trial, 64; amount for Missions, $156 80. Condition good.

27. *Bluffton Mission* was served by Rev. S. Leard. White members, 35; on trial, 4; colored, 181; on trial, 40; amount for Missions, $110.

28. *Combahee Mission* was served by Rev. M. L. Banks. Colored members, 547; on trial, 36; catechumens, 284; amount for Missions, $180. Condition good.

29. *Graniteville Mission* was served by Rev. M. A. McKibben. He reports, white members, 92; on trial, 25; colored members, 3; on trial, 3; amount for Missions, $317 10. Condition good.

30. *Edisto Fork Mission* was served by Rev. E. A. Price, who reports, 5 preaching-places, white members, 83; on trial, 7; colored, 59; on trial, 2; 53 white and 20 colored scholars. Condition good.

31. *Upper Santee Mission* was served by Rev. T. W. Munnerlyn. White members, 35; on trial, 9; colored, 809; on trial, 75; catechumens, 300. This Mission, on motion, was divided; one to be called Upper Santee—the other, Manchester.

32. *Wateree Mission* was served by Rev. J. L. Shufford. Whites, 48; on trial, 7; colored, 1,050; on trial, 125; catechumens, 475; 8 preaching-places.

33. *Sanday River Mission* was served by Rev. W. S. Haltom. 5 preaching-places; white members, 67; colored, 239; catechumens, 125; amount raised, $131 31. Condition good.

34. *Hickory Nut Gap Mission* was served by Rev. A. R. Bennick. 8 preaching-places; white members, 34; on trial, 24; colored, 1; on trial, 1.

35. *Keowee Mission.* No report.

36. *St. James Goose Creek Mission* was served by Rev. T. E. Ledbetter. Colored members, 90; on trial, 15; catechumens, 45. Condition good.

37. *Rich Mountain Mission* was served by Rev. A. P. Avant, who reports 16 preaching-places; white members, 375; on trial, 20; amount raised for Missions, $17 13. On motion, this Mission was discontinued.

38. *Caldwell Mission* was served by Rev. John Watts, connected with Lenoir Circuit. On motion, discontinued.

39. *Chesterfield Mission* stands connected with Chesterfield Circuit.

40. *Saluda River Mission* was served by Dr. Holland, a local preacher, who reports, whites, 31; on trial, 4; colored, 118; on trial, 4; catechumens, 50.

The following Officers and Managers were elected for 4 years:

Rev. Chas. Betts, *President.*
" N. Talley, 1*st V. P.*
" W. A. Gamewell, 2*d V. P.*
" H. M. Mood, 3*d V. P.*
" Thos. Raysor, *Secretary.*
" C. H. Pritchard, *Treas.*
" W. Martin.
" W. G. Connor.
Rev. H. C. Parsons.
" J. W. Kelly.
" W. C. Kirkland.
" J. H. Zimmerman.
" A. B. Stevens.
" A. McCorquodale.
And the Presiding Elders *ex officio.*

LAYMEN.

J. M. Latimer, Esq.	Col. Paul Felder.
J. W. Muse, Esq.	Hon. J. Felix Walker.
Dr. W. Crosland.	J. H. Kinsler, Esq.
Dr. E. H. Andrews.	W. H. Smith.

Rev. F. Milton Kennedy, was appointed to prepare the next Annual report.

MISSION COMMITTEE.

H. A. C. Walker.	C. Betts.
J. Stacy.	N. Talley.
R. J. Boyd.	H. C. Parsons.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference.

DECEMBER 14, 1861.

From the time that Jesus Christ came into the world and gave a commission to his disciples, that exclusive dispensation of the Church, by which it pleased God in his wisdom to show that the boasted efforts of human reason were inadequate to retrace the character of God which sin had blotted from the earth was terminated, and a new condition of the Church took place, which we may well call a Missionary state. Now, God would have all men to be saved, and the great Redeemer of mankind had extended his arms upon the cross in token of his disposition to clasp the whole world to his bosom, and had commanded his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." The whole history of Jesus Christ was, indeed, a Missionary history. The anthem that hailed his advent into the world was a Missionary anthem: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." His whole life was a Missionary life—he went from village to village, to proclaim the new doctrines of mercy; he stood amidst the guilty, the wretched and the sad, with the accents of tender pity and compassion ever on his lips—"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." His most affecting prayer, when he hung upon the cross, referred to the Gentile as well as to the Jew—he

breathed out this utterance that had no limit in its meaning, "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do." And when he had breathed upon his disciples, before his reascension to the glory which he had with his Father before the world was, he commissioned them to carry that message, the meaning of which they would soon fully comprehend, to the utmost ends of the earth; that wherever sin had wrought sorrow and guilt, then might the great remedy be known, and from those ends of the earth, however desolate, might arise the cry of the spirit of man, contrite and afflicted, like the shipwrecked mariner ready to perish, "Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."

This state of the Christian Church yet continues. The commission given to the apostles yet remains in force, and will remain in force until a third dispensation shall be apparent in the Church of Christ; and that same Jesus, on whose name persecution and scorn had long rested, shall reappear without sin the second time unto salvation, to be the "Prince of the kings of the earth," and to "reign before his ancients gloriously." Then shall his will be realized in the accomplishment of those vast, rich and extensive promises, which unfold the purposes of God, in all their generosity and power, to the miserable race of Adam.

Ungodly men may smile in idle scorn at the idea of a messenger of Christ going forth to stand in the midst of a large population, whose idolatrous views are enshrined in all the fondest memories of infancy, and interwoven with all the associations handed down from generation to generation. Men of the world may scoff at the supposition that a Missionary in a distant land shall take his place, with any hope of success, amidst the thousands and tens of thousands of men whose superstitions are thus riveted by education, and by all that is dear to the human heart in the matter of opinion. But they know not the ground, either of the obligation under which the Missionary proceeds, or of the encouragement by which he is affected. They judge without data—they are ignorant of God and of themselves. Why is it that, in any age of the world, Christianity has found its way to the human heart? Why, in this land are we assembled within the sacred walls of a Christian Church instead of being addicted to all the cruel superstitions of the aborigines? Is not the answer precisely that which the history of the apostles supplies? "The Lord opened the heart of Lydia, that she attended to the things which were spoken to her of Paul"—the Lord changed the inwrought ferocity of the heathen jailor, and made him an obedient servant of Christ—and a light, brighter than the noonday sun, shone upon Paul's eyes; and a power, more wondrous than the burning luster of that sun, affected his heart, divested him of pride, and laid him at the footstool of

everlasting mercy. If the wants of the world are what they were in the apostles' days—if man is still the poor, guilty, perishing creature that he was then, the Gospel is now what it was then in God's purpose, design and execution in the way of peace, pardon and endless blessedness; and all that the Gospel did in those days for heathens such as these, it is reserved for the Gospel in our days to accomplish. And to the anxious query of "What must I do to be saved?" the Missionary has only to answer, in that simple language which, because it is so simple, is adequate instruction to the least and lowest of mankind, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." It is because the message of the Gospel does not need the science of philosophy, nor the development of human talent; it is because it is a message that goes straight and direct to the necessities of the human soul, and points out that which the poor man can comprehend equally with the rich; it is because of this, its adaptation to the general character of human guilt and misery, that it has its mighty operation under the teaching of the spirit of God.

And what facilities has God opened for the manifestation of this Gospel through the various Missionary societies, and through the peculiar construction of those societies and their auxiliaries! There are now opportunities, even in the most distant corners of our land, for persons who would otherwise feel cut off from all participation in the noble work, to contribute and promote it. The channels are so open that the penny of the poor—the child's contribution—finds its way to its proper destination; nothing is lost—nothing misspent. And thus he who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive," has wrested the monopoly of benevolence from the hands of the wealthy, and opened this commerce of love to the poorest and meanest of the disciples of Christ. There is something beautiful in the structure of our societies, which open those channels through which the little rills of mercy may flow, obedient to God's bidding, to irrigate the parched wilderness of this world.

And what abundant success has God granted! He has not left us to do his work, without encouraging us by marking its success. He might, to try our faith, have long refrained from giving any trophy of his grace to our Missionary efforts. He might have tried the faith of our Missionaries, as, indeed, he has; and perhaps the most beautiful specimens of strong faith on record are to be found in the lives of many devoted to this work. God, at last, be it recollected, does not say: "Well done, good and *successful* servant"—but "Well done, good and *faithful* servant." But he has not left us to these trials. Surely, he has granted, in every part of our Missionary work, that kind of success which we might have anticipated, and as large measures of success as, under the circumstances of the present condition of the world, we might have expected.

Therefore, with the command of Christ before us—with the blessing of God before us—with the wants of the world before us—with the peculiar facilities for Missions which the providence of God has opened up before us, shall we not contribute yet more liberally, and pray more earnestly, and enter into the success of these efforts more keenly and anxiously? Shall we see Christ before us, waiting to look upon the finished consummation of his love—the travail of his soul—in which he shall be satisfied? Shall we think of him as crying upon the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Shall we think of him as seated at his father's right hand, having received all power in heaven and in earth, and, therefore, having commissioned his disciples to go forth? Shall we think of him as looking down with the eye of the Advocate and the Intercessor, yearning with that same unfatigued tenderness which he manifested when upon earth? Shall we hear him saying to the apostle, whom he received back again into his blessed fellowship though he had denied him, and giving him, as the privilege of restored love and communion, the command, "Feed my sheep"—"Feed my lambs?" Shall we think of our own mercies, so dearly bought—mercies that reach to the utmost necessities of our souls; shall we in the perception—in the recollection of these things, be slack to do God's work? Shall we give sparingly? Rather let us give in the spirit of generous love—in the spirit of ardent gratitude. Let us come up to the measure of charity which God looks for at our hands, and bless him for the opportunity of doing his work while it is day, for to us "the night cometh, in which no man can work."

In the domestic Missions to the slaves more immediately under the supervision of our Society, we adhere to the same principles that have always governed us and conducted our operations, under the blessing of God, to the most gratifying results—combining, with the religious instruction given to all to whom we find access, the inculcation of those relative duties made binding by divine and apostolic precept: "Servants, obey your Masters according to the flesh—not with eye-service as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart fearing God; and whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord and not unto men"—"With good will, doing service as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that whatsoever good thing any man does, the same shall he receive of the Lord whether he be bond or free." The South Carolina Conference embraces within its limits 38 Missions: 13 to the whites, and 25 to the blacks. The number of white members in full connection, is 1,172; on trial, 194; colored in full connection, 12,400; on trial, 1,629; catechumens, 5,000. These Missions have been served by 47 Missionaries; and all, with the exception of five which have been disturbed by the landing of Northern troops on our coast, are in a healthy and prosperous condition. The Rev. A. H. Harmon

has died during the year, a martyr to the holy cause of Missions.

The Conference adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we are as ever impressed with the importance and magnitude of the Missionary work within the bounds of this Conference, and that we will do all we can for the promotion of this great cause.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

South Carolina Conference Missionary Society,

FOR THE YEAR 1861.

C. H. PRITCHARD, TREASURER,

In Account with South Carolina Conference Missionary Society, December, 1861.

To Collections during past year:

CHARLESTON DISTRICT.

Cumberland, by Rev John A Porter	$132 43
Trinity, by Rev T R Walsh: debt collections, 50; free colored female mission, So. Ca., 52; free colored juvenile mission, 26 70; general collections, 871 20	999 90
Bethel, by Rev W H Fleming	111 70
Spring Street, by Rev J W Miller: special collections, 35; collections, 10 60	45 60
Combahee mission, by Rev M L Banks: collections	7 80
Walterboro' circuit, by Rev J L W Crook: collections	1 50
Savannah River mission, by Rev J R Coburn: Allan Izard, 10; children of Rev J R Coburn, 4; James and Henry Heyward, 100; Mrs O'Striker, 50; estate Huger, 75; Master O'Striker, 1; W C Bee, 50; collections, 90	330 50
Prince William's mission, by Rev W W Mood: estate of Mrs Gen Eustice	60 00
St George's and St Paul's mission, by Rev A Nettles: Hon R S Bedon, 50; estate Col B Perry, 50; Wm Traxler, 25; E Callar, 16: J Bevins, 5; collections, 10 80	156 80
Black Swamp circuit, by Rev John W Kelly: collections	65 00
Bluffton mission, by Rev S Leard; Miss H Pinckney, 100; Mrs Stony, 10.	110 00
Edisto and Jehossee mission, by Rev Charles Wilson: J J Mikell, 100; Wm Aiken, 150	250 00
Bamberg circuit, by Rev W Crook: debt collected, 12; general collection, 10	22 00
Allendale circuit, by Rev L M Hamer	22 70
	$3,236 63

ORANGEBURG CIRCUIT.

Cypress circuit, by Rev D W Scale: debt collected, 102 51; collections, 245 75	$348 26
Summerville mission, by Rev C McLeod: debt collected, 10; collections, 65 15	75 15
Cooper River circuit, by Rev A N Wells: debt collected, 18 79; collections, 32 25; by Rev J N Davis for mission, 5	56 04
St George's circuit, by Rev W Hutto: debt collected, 75; collections, 39 45	114 45
Blackville circuit, by Rev W G Connor: collections, 88 79; debt collection, 20	108 79
Aiken mission, by Rev E F Thwing: collections, 150; Dr Langley, 2	152 00
Lexington circuit, by Rev E J Pennington: debt collected, 20; collections, 40	60 00
Orangeburg circuit, by Rev A B Stevens: collections	105 00
Cooper River mission, by Rev G W Moore: interest on Trinity bond	70 00
Barnwell circuit, by Rev F A Mood	9 25
Graniteville mission, by M A McKibben	307 00
	$1,405 94

MARION DISTRICT.

Marion station, by Rev Thos Mitchell: collections	74 40
Marion circuit, by Rev John W Murray: debt collections, 38; collections, 3	41 00
Georgetown station, by Rev C H Pritchard: debt collection, 36 70; collections, 60 55; monthly prayer meeting, 21 62; Sunday school collection, 7 96	126 83
Santee mission, by Rev John Finger: James H Ladson, 75; Mrs Cordes, 45; W Lucas, 25; R H Lucas, 20; R W Maxwell, 30; W H Mayrant, 30; S D Doar, 20; public collection, 3; R Lowndes, 20; Mrs E Pinckney, 20; estate of E M Doar, 10; Hon E Frost, 30; James R Pringle, 50; Rev John Finger and lady, to make James Avery, Esq, life member, 20; Rev J H Tart, 2	400 00
Waccamaw mission, by Rev Charles Betts: Hon Charles Alston, 50; estate of Rev James L Belin, 795 61; Dr J D McGill, 50; estate Nesbit, 40; John Tillman, 25; S B Calcutt, 6; collection, 13 64	990 25
All Saints circuit, by Rev W Bowman: collections	5 00
Darlington station, by Rev D J Simmons: debt collections, 16; collections, 37 75	53 75
Darlington circuit, by Rev Paul F Kistler: debt collection, 22; collection, 95	117 00
Lynchburg circuit, by Rev M Connelly: special collection, 5; collections, 128 90	133 90
Brownsville circuit, by Rev Wesley L Pegues: debt collection, 30; collections, 108 80	138 80
Williamsburg circuit, by Rev L M Little: debt collection, 35; collections, 86 32	121 32
Lynch's Creek and Liberty Chapel mission, by Rev J B Campbell: debt collection, 16; Rev H McClenaghan, 60; Dr Robert Harllee, 54; Dr W R Johnson, 5; Allison Brown, 10; Mrs Mary Jenkins, 3; R W Jenkins, 2; A McKisil, 2; John Brown, 1; W Collins, 5; W T Wilson, 2; collections, 40 35; collection among blacks, 1 20	201 55
Sampit mission, by Rev J A Mood: estate Dr Herriott, 50; Dr A M Forster, 300	350 00
Black River and Pee Dee mission, by Rev A Ervin: Hon R F Alston, 50; F Weston, 50; estate Tucker, 35; Hon B F Duncan, 30; Chas Alston, 25	190 00
	$2,943 80

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Washington Street, by Rev W A Gamewell: collections, 383 54; Sunday-school, 31 46	424 15
Marion Street station, by Rev J W Humbert: Sunday-school of which, 20; to make Miss E Bell 1 m, 25 10; to make Mrs Martha G Mood 1 m, 20; collections, 94 50; colored missionary society, 40 65	180 25

Congaree mission, by Rev N Talley: Gen Arthur, 45; Miss Ann Arthur, 12; Miss Caroline Arthur, 12; Col C R Bryce, 20; Mrs K Brevard, 20; Mrs Gen Hopkins, 2; Mrs David Hopkins, 1; Colonel Frank Hampton, 50; Jas Campbell, 5; T J Harris, 3; E Gilmore, 1; Jas Hay, 1; Thos Campbell, 1; B F Speigner, 1; Dr J F Fisher, 2; S E Rawl, 1; Miss Mary Hay, 50c; from blacks, 2 50	$180 00
Fairfield circuit, by Rev J W Puett: collections, 104; for missionary debt exhorter, 5; anonymous, 10	119 00
Rocky Mount circuit, by Rev A J Cauthen: collections	170 45
Richland circuit, by Rev W A C Clarke: by Mrs S E Senter to make Dr T R Senter l m, 20; collections	41 61
Camden station, by Rev M Brown: collections	156 00
Wateree mission, by Rev J L Shuford: collections	205 00
Sumter station, by Rev R P Franks: special collection, 13 19; collections, 27	40 19
Sumter circuit, by Rev A L Smith: debt collection, 5; general collections, 153	158 00
Manning circuit, by Rev H D Moore: collections	40 00
Richland Fork mission, by Rev W M Wilson: Dr S Taylor, 100; J H Ledingham, 25; J Motty, 20; R B Cotter, 15; John Henry, 15; W Jones, 5; Robt Joyner, 5; M D Jenkins, 2; Miss E Joyner, 1 50; D Roberts, 2; Mrs Dorcas Wilson, 1; R D Sturgeon, 1; Miss Sallie Jenkins, 50c; collections, 11 80; Gilbert Garner, 100; W D Gregory, 25; R E House, 20; Thos Baskin, 15; H P Wright, 5; R J Dunsford, 5; W F Turner, 4; Mrs E C Joyner, 2; J Neal, 3; A Davis, 1; Joseph Addison, 1; W Young, 1; T O Sturgeon, 1; Miss E Moye, 50c	390 30
Santee circuit, by Rev Miles Puckett: collections	27 00
Upper Santee mission, by Rev D D Byars: collections	200 70
Sandy River mission, by Rev W S Haltom: collections	156 30
Chester circuit, by Rev A G Stacy: collections	65 00
	$2,564 18

COKESBURY DISTRICT.

Cokesbury circuit, by Rev W A McSwain: missionary debt, 5; collections, 42	47 00
Laurens circuit, by J T Kilgo: missionary debt, 29; collections, 24	53 00
Newberry station, by Rev Bond English: debt collection, 20; collections, 34	54 00
Newberry circuit, by Rev J W Wightman: collections, of which $25 from J W B Lever	177 00
Rocky Pond mission, by Rev G W Creighton: debt collection	17 00
Butler circuit, by Rev J R Pickett: debt collection, 45 75; general collection, 81 10	126 85
Edgefield circuit, by Rev J S Connor: collections	42 50
Abbeville circuit, by Rev Thos S Rayscr: debt collection, 58 20; general collection, 8 50	66 70
Anderson circuit, by Rev Thos G Herbert	50 00
Pendleton circuit, by Rev V A Sharpe: debt collection, 6; general collection, 27 50	33 50
Pickens circuit, by Rev F M Morgan	9 75
Williamston circuit, by J L Sidey	33 70
	$711 00

WADESBORO' DISTRICT.

Wadesboro' station, by Rev L A Johnson: debt collection, 60: collections, 79	139 00
Chesterfield circuit, by Rev L Scarbrough: debt collection, 28 41; collections, 51 30	79 71
Wadesboro' circuit, by Rev Simpson Jones: debt collection, 30; collections, 100	130 00
Ansonville circuit, by Rev Augustin W Walker: debt collection, 10; collections, 23 70	33 70

Albemarle circuit, by Rev J M Cline: collections	$21 25
Concord circuit, by Rev E W Thompson: debt collection, 30; general collections, 71 10	101 10
Monroe circuit, by Rev B G Jones: debt collection, 35; collections, 24.	59 00
Lancaster circuit, by Rev L Wood: debt collection, 30; collections, 65 10	95 10
Catawba River mission, by Rev S H Browne: collections	77 50
Bennettsville circuit, by Rev R R Pegues: debt collection, 100; collections, 130	230 00
Society Hill mission, by Rev D A Ogburn: J Witherspoon, 25; D McLeod, 4: Mrs M A Ogburn, 10; Capt S W Evans, 20; L Townsend, 3; Col D McLeod, 5; Col Ed E Evans, 50	117 00
Cheraw station, by Rev W S Black: Dr S D Sanders, 20; Mrs M J Sanders, 10; Miss Mary Sanders, 1; Master S Sanders, 1; J H Villeneuve, 2; J T Hays, 1; John Clyburn, 50c: T M Wells, 2; W Bird, 50c; J Bakstraw, 50c; Gen Blakeney, 1; Mrs Cadieu, 50c; Mrs Stagner, 25c; Mrs T Tomlinson, 50c; Mrs Elixon, 1; Mrs J T Hays, 1; Mrs H H Duval, 2 50; Mrs H J Threadgill, 5; Miss Cadieu, 25c; H Cadieu, 1; A J Wilson, 2; Mrs V M Blakeney, 10; Mrs Hornel, 60c; Mrs Gilbert, 2; Miss Emma Punch, 2; Miss Sallie Gilbert, 2; W C Stansill, 50c; J H Walsh, 2; W Howell, 50c; A T Vanderford, 2; E B Ingraham, 2; P B Harper, 1; V R Wicker, 1; A A McDonald, 50c; Miss Harriet Gillespie, 5; Lizzy Wells, 25c; Alice McIntosh, 10c; Sallie McIntosh, 10c; Jos G Kelly, 5; Mrs B F Pegues, 5; L Blakeney, 10c; W B Smith, 50c; John Threadgill, 25c; Mrs H P Gillespie, 5; Miss H Blakeney, 1; O H Spencer, 10; a Friend, 10; Colored People, 10; to make Verino Lazarus 1 m, 20; W S Black, to make Mrs H P Gillespie 1 m, 20; M H H Duval, 5; J C Medlin, 2; 35 of above for debt collection	169 00
	$1,252 36

LINCOLNTON DISTRICT.

Charlotte station, by Rev F M Kennedy: debt collection, 45; Dr D R Dunlap, 5; collections, 70	120 00
Charlotte circuit, by Rev W W Jones	45 35
Catawba circuit, by Rev W Carson, 87	87 00
Rich Mountain mission, by Rev A P Avant	27 15
Lenoir circuit, by Rev John Watts	59 00
Morganton circuit, by Rev W J E Frippe	27 00
Shelby circuit, by Rev J S Nelson	65 40
Yorkville station, by Rev L C Weaver	30 30
Rock Hill circuit, by Rev D May	71 60
Pineville circuit, by Rev A McCorquodale: debt collection, 50; general collection, 4	54 00
Lincolnton circuit, by Rev G W Ivey	50 00
	$636 80

SPARTANBURG DISTRICT.

Spartanburg station, by Rev Jas Stacey: debt collection, 61 21; collections, 225	286 21
Spartanburg circuit, by Rev A J Stokes: debt collections, 22 79; general collections, 41 05	63 84
Broad River mission, by Rev J Parker	15 00
Rutherford circuit, by Rev J S Erwin: debt collection, 15; general collection 44	59 00
McDowell circuit, by Rev M Eaddy	34 00
Columbus circuit, by Rev T J Clyde: debt collection, 7; general collection, 14	21 00
Pickensville circuit, by Rev T S Daniel: debt collection, 13 16; general collection, 20	33 16
Keowee mission, by Rev H A C Walker	26 90
Greenville station, by Rev S J Hill	81 35
Greenville circuit, by Rev A H Lester: debt collection, 50; general collection, 25	75 00

Union circuit, by Rev J H Zimmerman: debt collection, 21; general collection, 57 50	$78 50
Goshen Hill circuit, by Rev J W Grider: debt collection	25 00
Pacolet circuit, by Rev O A Darby	10 55
Hickory Nut Gap, by Rev A R Bennick	7 00
	$818 51

MISCELLANEOUS.

Amount returned by Rev R J Boyd, not used on Richland Fork mission	170 00
G W Williams, interest on Wofford legacy	280 00
Interest, R Bryce, Treasurer, dividends	20 00
Sale of Watch Chain	25 00
Richland Fork mission for 1860, by Rev D W Seale	5 00
Rev W A Clark	5 00
Rev J W North	5 00
Rev W Martin	20 00
John H McKinney	4 00
A Friend, for China mission	25 00
Returned by Rev F A Mood, not used on Middle Saint John's mission	155 00
Rev F A Mood, to make Mary Williams Mood l m Parent Society	31 00
For missionary debt from sundry persons, 224 70; reported in the Advocate during the year	969 70

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By paid Printing Minutes	$155 00
By paid in Rev E H Myers' hands, missionary debt	1,573 66
By paid Rev F A Mood, for missionary services at Aiken	150 00
By paid Rev H A C Walker, Bishop Paine's drafts	386 00
By paid Rev W A McSwain, Bishop Paine's drafts	235 30
By paid Rev S H Browne, Bishop Paine's drafts	672 00
By paid Rev A M Chritzberg	1,512 50
By paid Rev R J Boyd	1,222 50
By paid Rev F A Mood	718 50
By paid Rev W P Mouzon	2,525 00
By paid Rev H A C Walker, Bishop Andrew's drafts	110 00
By paid Rev W P Mouzon	840 00
By paid Rev W A McSwain	70 00
By paid Rev Dr C Taylor	605 00
By paid Rev R J Boyd	1,097 50
By paid Rev W G Connor	610 00
By paid Rev F A Mood	1,310 02
By paid Rev E H Myers: Debt collection, from Butler's circuit, 45 75; and Wadesboro' circuit, 30	75 75
Also for Foreign missions, from Rev J N Davis	5 00
Also for China mission, by a Friend	25 00
Notes as cash	308 50
Cash on hand	331 70
	$14,538 93

RECAPITULATION.

Charleston District	$3,236 63	
Orangeburg District	1,405 94	
Marion District	2,943 80	
Columbia District	2,564 18	
Cokesbury District	711 00	
Wadesboro' District	1,252 36	
Lincolnton District	636 80	
Spartanburg District	818 51	13,569 22
Miscellaneous		969 70
		$14,538 93

THE BIBLE CAUSE.

Standing Committee.—WHITEFOORD SMITH, WILLIAM MARTIN.

The Committee to whom the consideration of the Bible cause was referred, beg leave, respectfully, to recommend to the Conference, the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, all our efforts for the circulation of the Holy Scriptures have hitherto been in connection with the American Bible Society; and, whereas, by the existing war that connection has been dissolved, and, by the formation of the Southern States into an independent government, there is no probability of that relation ever being restored; and inasmuch as several of the Confederate States, in their State Bible conventions, have appointed delegates to meet in general convention, in the City of Augusta, on the third Wednesday in March, 1862, for the purpose of devising ways and means for circulation of the Bible, therefore

Resolved, First: That this Conference has witnessed, with profound gratification, the measures adopted by the several State Bible conventions, for convoking a general Bible convention of these Confederate States.

Resolved, Second: That we pledge ourselves to renewed efforts in behalf of the Bible cause.

EDUCATIONAL.

Standing Committee on Education.—A. M. SHIPP, *Chairman;* JAMES STACY, T. R. WALSH, H. M. MOOD, S. B. JONES.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The early years of life are the seasons when we must shape ourselves for the portion of our riper age. We are not born qualified for the part in life we have to play, but must fit ourselves for it by much patient, previous discipline. If we look upon an infant in its cradle, how much, must we think, is to be done before it can become the divine, the judge, the statesman, or the great captain of the next generation! What a drilling must the distinguished Dr. Barrow have gone through, when, from a child who delighted in fighting and setting his playfellows to fight, regardless of his books, and of such uncomfortable promise as to make his father devoutly wish that if it should please God to take any of his children it might be Isaac, he grew up in temper fit to win all hearts, in science, fit to fill with honor the mathematical chair in which Newton

succeeded him; in learning, fit to stand in the very foremost rank amongst the most profound and universal scholars of his country! As no single individual so well exemplifies the happy effects of early education and discipline, so none has left on record a more solemn warning of the disastrous results of its unseasonable neglect to Church and State, than he, in the melancholy picture which he gives of the period subsequent to the civil wars of England: "That was an age not less degenerate in spirit than corrupt in manners—when all wisdom, and virtue, and religion, were almost, in most places, grown ridiculous—when the serious use of reason became, in vulgar opinion, the most impertinent and insignificant thing in the world—when innocence was reputed a mere defect of wit and weakness of judgment—integrity a fond pertinacity of humor—constancy of mind and gravity of demeanor a kind of sullen morosity, or uncouth affectation of singularity; and all strict practice of Christian duty incurred the imputation of some new-found opprobrious name, one or other." So spake Barrow, from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey, in the year 1663; and it will be well if his deep words of caution be not lost upon us, upon whom have fallen these times of discord and civil strife. Many of our wisest statesmen and best patriots have united in expressions of deep regret, that our young men and boys are withdrawn from schools and colleges, and hurried prematurely to the battle-field—knowing well that the conservation of the public freedom by means of virtuous education, is not less essential than its vindication by arms. The letter of Governor Pickens, on this subject, full of judicious counsel to the students of Wofford, is too important to the general interest of education to be here omitted:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, HEAD-QUARTERS.
January 28th, 1861.

SIR: I have just received yours, in which you say that a number of the young men in Wofford College have volunteered, and joined a company in Spartanburg village; and you respectfully suggest that they be released, and permitted to form a company of students, to be at the command of the Governor.

I most cheerfully accord to your suggestion, and take this occasion to say, that it would be a great injury to the State to have our literary institutions broken up, by the young men going into the active military service of the State. Their constitutions are not sufficiently matured, for either garrison life or for field exposure. Besides, we are deeply interested as a State in training our youths in the paths of intellectual culture, so as to prepare them to maintain the high position the State has ever held in those moral and intellectual struggles, which are as essential to our independence as a State as is the profession of arms. The day is coming when we will require the services of all in different departments; and one is equally honorable with the other. It is a mistake to suppose that the young men of our Colleges must push forward now into the ranks of the army, or they may never again have an opportunity. The day, in all probability, is coming, when there may be occasions, perhaps too frequent, when they will have a

fair opportunity for distinction. At any rate, the true road to permanent distinction in any pursuit in life, is through preparation and education while young. I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully, yours,
F. W. PICKENS.

Our chief magistrate has remonstrated against the folly of receiving students into military service, by declaring it as unwise in policy as, in husbandry, for the farmer to grind his seed-corn. In remarking on this sentiment of President Davis, a good writer says, with force and propriety:

"Our schools have suffered an interruption during the present year; let it not grow into their suspension. Let the interruption cease at once where it is practicable, and in all cases at the earliest possible day. The opportunity for instruction, if now lost by the boys and girls who are soon to be our men and women, will be irrevocably lost. The boy of this year is the man of next year. A brief period only, lies between the school-girl and the grown lady. If this time, allotted to education, shall pass unimproved, the season will be gone to those persons for ever. Parents will thus perceive that they have a duty to perform toward their children, which they may not defer; and the young people themselves will see that, if they do not wish to grow up uneducated, they have something to do besides surrendering themselves to the excitement of the war.

"Then let our schools go on. Let us educate our children as carefully as ever, as far as we can. Suppose the war should last, as it may, several years, and that, meanwhile, this policy of closing colleges and shutting up schools should continue; the generation which treads on the heels of the present adult population will come to their places, and will act their part through life, without those advantages of education which we so justly value, and we will be to blame for it! The duty of parents and the duty of citizens combine, to require of us that this evil shall not come. The farmer who 'grinds his seed-corn' will reap no crop the next year, and will deserve no compassion."

We subjoin the following brief accounts of the progress of the several institutions, under the auspices of the Conference, during the year now closing, and also of their present condition.

WOFFORD COLLEGE.

The patronage of this institution during the past scholastic year has been larger than at any previous period, with the exception of the year immediately preceding. In January, seventy-nine students had matriculated, and the exercises of the College progressed, in a highly satisfactory manner, until the battle of Fort Sumter (April 12th and 13th); after which, more or less excitement pervaded the institution until the close of the session. Although the progress made by the young men in their studies was thus necessarily impeded to some extent, yet it is a remarkable fact that, during the entire period not at all favorable to College order, the moral deportment of the students continued unexceptionable, and not one was called before the faculty to answer for any irregularity during the whole scholastic year. All the exercises were regularly kept

up to the week of examination, when it was deemed advisable to suspend the usual commencement festival, for reasons sufficiently explained in the following papers, issued on the part of the trustees and faculty:

"WOFFORD COLLEGE, S. C., June 20, 1861.

"*Mr. Editor:* You will see from the accompanying paper that the resident trustees and faculty have conferred together, and concluded it best to dispense with the exercises of commencement at Wofford College, for the present year.

"The senior class is one of more than ordinary promise. It is composed of the following members, viz: Messrs. Brazier, Connor, Hamilton, Hardy, Johnston, Lipsey, Lockwood, McCartha, Round, Simpson, R. Simpson, Summers, Watson, Williams and Yancey. Of these, Messrs. Hamilton, Lockwood, Round, Simpson, R. Simpson and Watson entered the Confederate army before the final examination of the class; but the faculty, in consideration of their literary attainments, have recommended them to the Board of Trustees for the degree of A. B.

"In the final report of the scholarship of the class, founded upon the four years course, the first honor was awarded to Mr. T. A. Lipsey, of Chester, and the second to Mr. W. T. Hardy, of Anderson. Messrs. Johnston, McCartha and Summers were also reckoned in the first grade of scholarship. These last-named gentlemen, therefore, are entitled, under the ordinance of the trustees, to appointments at commencement. We deeply regret that the exigencies of the times require that exercises which, from the recognized abilities of the speakers, promise so much honor to themselves and credit to the College, shall be suspended. "Yours truly,

A. M. SHIPP.

"N.B.—It is necessary that the trustees meet, as announced last week, to award diplomas and transact other important business, and a full attendance is earnestly requested. The time of the annual meeting is Monday, 8th July, 4 o'clock, P. M."

"The resident trustees and faculty of Wofford College, after careful consideration of the subject, have concluded to suspend the commencement exercises for the present year, for the following, among other reasons, viz:

"1. Because the continued excitement and suspense of the public mind, in relation to the war now going on, forbid the obtrusion of the usual College festival with any hope that it can prove acceptable or be satisfactorily attended. 2. Because more than half of the graduating class have left, and, with one or two exceptions, are now in the Confederate army in Virginia; while the seven who remain have petitioned to be allowed to leave at once, to enter into the service or defence of the country if need be, and it seems fitting that their request should be granted.

"It is due to the entire body of the students to say, that they began eagerly to volunteer in various companies at the first call of troops by the Governor of the State; but, by the counsel of judicious friends in whom they confided, they were induced to form themselves into a company composed of all the students, and to tender their services in this form to Gov. Pickens. He addressed to them the subjoined letter of prudent counsel and advice, by which they were induced to remain in the regular discharge of College duties. When the attack on Fort Sumter began, they immediately sent a delegation to Charleston to wait on him, and again tender the services of the students. They were enjoined to abide still by the counsel he had previously given. Accordingly, the greater number have remained to the pre-

sent time, pursuing their customary studies. About thirty, however, following different advice from parents and friends, entered, as at the first, various companies, and are now in the Confederate army in Virginia.

"Of those who have left, as of those who remain, it may be equally said, that the qualities displayed here warrant the expectation that they will meet, honorably and successfully, the responsibilities which the times may demand at their hands. As all the classes have already passed one regular examination during the session, it is deemed best to suspend the usual examination before commencement, and allow the students to return home without further delay.

"The fall session will open as usual on the first day of October, and it is hoped all may resume their places in the College, with many of like spirit added to their number.

"H. A. C. WALKER, *Pres. Trus.*
"A. M. SHIPP, *Pres. Faculty.*"

The eighth collegiate year opened on the first day of October last. More than forty of the students of the preceding session having entered the military service, only thirty-three matriculated. Of these, one before and eighteen since the battle of Port Royal (Nov. 7th), have retired from the institution to enter the service for the defence of their respective States. The moral and religious condition of the College continues sound, in a degree to give the highest gratification to its friends and patrons. As the young men who have retired have, for the most part, expressed a determination still to complete their education at Wofford, it is expected that at an early day, should the aspect of the times undergo a favorable change, or the sentiment of parents and guardians grow in conformity with the convictions of our public men, the halls of the College will be filled with more than the accustomed patronage. It is of the utmost importance that the Conference proceed, at as early a day as practicable, to place the College on the most stable foundation, by securing the full endowment so wisely determined on by the body, in order that the institution, beginning anew with the opening career of the Confederate States, may continue to diffuse, in augmented measures, the blessings of sanctified learning upon the Church and the country. The fostering care of the Conference is still invoked, and the diligent co-operation of every member of the same with the trustees and faculty is earnestly desired, to maintain the integrity and usefulness of the institution unimpaired in this period of her trial.

The faculty is composed of the Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Science; David Duncan, A. M., Professor of Ancient Languages and Literature; Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., Professor of English Literature; James H. Carlisle, A. M., Professor of Mathematics; Warren DuPré, A. M., Professor of Natural Science.

The following is the *Board of Trustees:* H. A. C. Walker, A. M. Shipp, W. A. Gamewell, J. R. Pickett, C. Betts, W. P. Mouzon, H. M. Mood, H. Wofford, W. J. T. Miller, G. Cannon, J. H.

Dogan, G. W. Williams, Robt. Bryce; and the following is the *Visiting Committee* appointed for the present year: N. Talley, B. English, R. J. Boyd, ex-Gov. W. H. Gist, Dr. J. H. Zimmerman, and J. M. Lawton, sr.

COKESBURY SCHOOL.

This institution, like most others, has suffered some serious reverses during the past year. Early in the spring it was thought best to suspend the exercises, because of the appearance of a disease resembling small-pox. The exercises were resumed in July, with about forty students, under the supervision of R. W. Boyd, assisted by W. H. Sullivan. In about three weeks, Mr. Boyd retired to enter the military service, when the resident trustees gave the direction of the school to Mr. Sullivan, assisted by Mr. A. Watson. The number of the students was constantly diminished by withdrawals to enter the army, so that Mr. Sullivan closed the session with only twelve.

The Holoway fund amounts to $17,500. During the past session there were three students on this fund, and one preparing for the ministry. All the sons of the preachers of the Conference are admitted free of tuition, and also all who intend to enter the Conference, provided they come recommended by a Quarterly Conference, under the signatures of a presiding elder and secretary of Conference, certifying that the applicant is of a good, moral and religious character, and intends to devote himself wholly to the work of the ministry.

The exercises of the school will be continued under the direction of Mr. Alpheus Watson, who has been chosen rector, and is confidently recommended to the public as a fine scholar and excellent disciplinarian, and a gentleman of deep and solid piety. The school is the chief preparatory institution for Wofford College, and affords fine advantages to those who intend to enter that institution. All the members of Conference are earnestly requested to do all in their power to encourage and sustain the school during our present troubles.

The following constitutes the *Board of Trustees:* N. Talley, W. A. McSwain, S. Leard, W. C. Kirkland, J. M. Carlisle, T. Raysor, M. Puckett, Gen. G. W. Hodges, C. Smith, F. F. Gary and F. A. Connor. *Visiting Committee:* A. G. Stacy, S. H. Browne and T. G. Herbert.

COLUMBIA FEMALE COLLEGE.

The exercises of this institution, after an interruption of a few weeks, by the prevalence of small-pox in Columbia, were resumed on the 15th January last, with a larger patronage than at any former period. The session was closed with 175 pupils. The present term opened on the first Wednesday in October, with

greatly diminished numbers, in consequence of the disturbed condition of the country. There are now in the College 55 boarders and 52 day scholars. The Board of Trustees, in reviewing the operations of the College, "feel deeply that they are called upon to recognize the hand of God, that has been upon the institution, the interests of which they have been called upon to supervise during the past year. It has been a year of agitation and trouble; yet, the exercises have gone on quietly and vigorously—a year of financial pressure and embarrassments—yet their credit is still unimpaired and their assets reliable—a year of disease and death, yet none connected with the College have died or even been seriously ill. The religious element has been of a very encouraging character, and such as to claim special thanksgiving to the God of all grace. The zeal, industry and success of the faculty in all the departments of instruction, as also of the steward and matron, have won the highest commendation of the Board, while the young ladies committed to their charge have generally demeaned themselves as might be expected of the daughters of Christian Carolinians."

The following constitutes the *Board of Trustees:* R. J. Boyd, W. Crook, J. Stacy, C. H. Pritchard, W. H. Fleming, W. G. Connor, T. R. Walsh, S. H. Browne, C. Taylor, F. A. Mood, E. J. Meynardie, S. Townsend, D. J. Simmons, A. Wallace, R. Bryce, J. W. Parker, E. J. Arthur, J. S. Preston, W. W. Walker, J. H. Boatwright, R. D. Senn, S. O. Tally, A. F. Dubard, W. Glaze, A. N. Tally, W. Wallace.

The following constitutes the *Visiting Committee:* E. J. Meynardie, F. M. Kennedy and O. A. Darby,

DAVENPORT FEMALE COLLEGE.

At the opening of the present session, it became quite a question under the then existing excitement and monetary pressure, whether it would be advisable to open the College for the present year. But, after a full discussion, it was unanimously determined to make a fair experiment, and we have found the year to be one of severe trial. With the difficulty in collecting dues and but little more than half the usual number of students, it has been a struggle to maintain the existence of the College.

We are pleased in being able to report our number of pupils to be 55, and that the boarding establishment sustains itself without loss to the Trustees, notwithstanding the low price of board. A small debt will be incurred in meeting the salaries of the teachers, which the Trustees have thought better to incur than to suffer the loss of our experienced teachers, who have gained an enviable reputation for themselves by their devotion to duty and the success which has crowned their efforts.

The mild and patriarchal government of the institution has

been carried out with good effect. Without monitors, and avoiding any espionage, the students have been taught the great importance of self-government, and the promptness with which their own delinquencies have been reported is really refreshing in this day of trickery and deception.

Physical education has been strictly attended to, which, no doubt, has had much to do with the unusual health of the students, not a case of sickness having occurred during the year.

We have not been unmindful of the great design in the establishment of this College, viz: to spread sanctified learning over these lands, and year after year, as we witness the results of our endeavors, we have thanked God and taken courage. Many who left their homes gay and thoughtless, have returned to bless their parents by their piety. We are happy to say that all the young ladies, with one or two exceptions, are members of some one of the orthodox branches of the Christian church, or professors of religion.

The following constitutes the *Board of Trustees:* J. W. Kelly, A. McCorquodale, P. F. Kistler, A. G. Stacy, J. S. Ervin, R. P. Franks, J. Watts, John Rutherford, J. C. Harper, E. W. Jones, S. P. Dula, A. Shell and N. Powell.

CAROLINA FEMALE COLLEGE.

W. C. Power, having been reappointed agent for Carolina Female College at the last session of this Conference, makes the following report: He began his labors in January and continued them until May, at which time, with the approbation of the chairman of the committee of negotiation for the College property, he made a settlement with the Trustees. After deducting the amount of his salary for last year and for the time he served this year, total $800, he accounted to them for the sum of $3,769 51, of the purchase money, for which he holds their receipt.

The exercises of the institution were reopened in January last, under the management of Professor J. B. Gilliam, and continued for one session, when Professor Gilliam left for Virginia. Since that time, the College has not been in operation. It is to be regretted that the educational interests of that community, and of the church, have been, and are still suffering great detriment on account of the suspension of the exercises of this institution. And, while the friends of education and of the church are not disposed to murmur on account of our failure to reorganize and operate the institution, in view of the considerations mentioned in the educational report of last year, they are looking forward with much anxiety and earnest expectation to the time when we shall be enabled to officer and operate this

institution, which has bestowed inestimable blessings on so many hearts and homes.

The following constitutes the *Board of Trustees:* H. C. Parsons, A. M. Chritzberg, R. P. Franks, F. M. Kennedy, John T. Wightman, Thos. Mitchell, R. R. Pegues, W. C. Power, W. G. Smith, Albert Myers, Hollom Sturdivant, E. G. Knight, Perdie Richardson, W. P. Kendall, W. F. Harlee.

SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

The success which has crowned the efforts of the Trustees and officers of this institution, during the past collegiate year, affords abundant cause for thankfulness and encouragement. One hundred and thirty-seven pupils were enrolled, and the income of the institution more than sufficient to defray expenses. But the success of the College is found not alone in a favorable pecuniary result. The intellectual progress of the pupils was in a high degree satisfactory, and the moral and religious element more than usually predominant. Many of the pupils were the subjects of a gracious revival which was in progress during the year, and have since, by a consistent life, witnessed a good profession. In consequence of the disturbed state of the country, this institution, in common with others, has suffered a diminution of numbers. The number of pupils matriculated the current session, commencing in October, is eighty-seven, which, under the prudential regulations adopted, is sufficient to sustain the College.

To meet the views of many friends, it has been deemed advisable by the Board, for the present collegiate year, to have one short and one long session, so as to extend the winter vacation. The present session, therefore, will close on the 21st December, and the second session will open on the first Monday in February, 1862.

Looking to God for a happy issue out of our present troubles, and the restoration of peace and prosperity to our beloved country, we invoke the fostering care of the Conference and the prayers of the church.

The faculty consists of Wm. K. Blake, A. M., President; Mr. James Duncan, Resident Professor; E. Falk, Esq., Professor of Music and French; Mrs. E. Falk, Assistant Music Teacher; Mrs. C. Y. Baker and Miss H. E. Crow, Assistants in Literary Department; Miss H. E. Crow, Drawing and Painting; A. Bethune, Steward; Mrs. A. Bethune, Matron.

The following constitutes the *Board of Trustees:* S. Bobo, Whitefoord Smith, Alexander W. Walker, J. W. Wightman, C. Murchison, T. G. Herbert, J. A. Porter, G. W. DuPré, T. O. P. Vernon, A. H. Kirby, J. H. Wilson.

In conclusion, the committee beg to offer for adoption, by the Conference, the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That, in view of the extraordinary character of the times in which Providence has placed us, the best welfare, present and prospective, of our church and our country imperiously demands that, as a body of Christian men and ministers, we should put forth more vigorous efforts, than at any former period, to sustain all our literary institutions, to strengthen them and to extend their means of influence and usefulness.

Resolved, That we regard, with feelings of pleasure, the degree of success which, on the whole, has attended the operations of our institutions of learning during the past year; and that, as a body, we pledge our best endeavors and most active exertions for the coming year, to promote, by all prudent and practicable means, our several educational interests, recommending our schools and colleges in all our pastoral intercourse, obtaining for them as many students as possible, and co-operating heartily in all measures recommended by the Conference, to build them and to make permanent their usefulness.

Resolved, That the presiding Bishop be respectfully requested to appoint to our institutions of learning, such members of the Conference as have been elected by the Trustees to fill chairs of instruction.

The commission appointed by the Conference to investigate the application of Rutherford Academy, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which had been unanimously adopted by the Board of Trustees of that institution, October 29th, 1861, and, in view of these resolutions, begged to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Whereas, The commission appointed by the last session of South Carolina Conference, to take into consideration the application of the Trustees of the Rutherford Academy, asking to bring the institution under the patronage of the Conference, met the Trustees, who, together with the Commissioners, patiently investigated the whole matter, and have discovered that the charter does not admit the transfer to the Conference. And, whereas, also, the academy building is unfinished, its policy and regulations not definitely settled, and the school now suspended; therefore,

Resolved, We, as a Board of Trustees, return our thanks to the Conference for the appointment of a commission, and, also, to the brethren for their courtesy and patient investigation of the whole subject.

Resolved, That we respectfully beg leave to withdraw our application for the present.

South Carolina Conference Sunday-school Society.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Society shall be called "The South Carolina Conference Sunday-school Society, Auxiliary to the Sunday-school Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Art. II. The officers of this Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Treasurer; and, also, a Board of Managers, consisting of the Presiding Elder and a layman from each Presiding Elder's district within the bounds of the Conference; seven of whom shall form a quorum.

Art. III. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; and, in his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents; and, in the absence of the President and both Vice-Presidents, the Society shall elect a President *pro tem.*

Art. IV. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all the proceedings of the Society.

Art. V. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse the funds of the Society as directed by the Board of Managers, and report the same at each annual meeting.

Art. VI. The Board of Managers shall meet annually, at the seat of the Annual Conference, on the day immediately preceding the Session. It shall be the duty of the Board to superintend the general interest, deliberate upon, and carry out the objects of the Sunday-school cause, by encouraging the establishment of Sunday-schools, raising funds, procuring libraries, and devising the best methods of instruction; and, also, to make By-Laws for its own government.

Art. VII. The Officers of this Society shall be elected annually.

Art. VIII. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of fifty cents; and the contribution of $10 shall constitute membership for life.

Art. IX. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds, in an annual meeting, present and voting on the occasion.

Art. X. The Anniversary of the Society shall be held on the first Friday evening during the Session of the Conference.

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Sunday-school Society of the South Carolina Conference,

was held in Chester, on Wednesday, December 11th, 1861, N. Talley in the Chair. On motion, it was resolved, that Rev. W. G. Connor be requested to receive information and prepare a report to be read on Friday night.

A committee of two was appointed, consisting of H. A. C. Walker and W. A. McSwain to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Friday night, Dec. 13th, 1861.

The Sunday-school Society of the South Carolina Conference, convened in the Methodist Church at Chester, S. C. Rev. N. Talley took the Chair. Rev. W. Crook opened the meeting with prayer. Rev. W. G. Connor then read the annual report. The Revs. J. E. Evans of the Georgia Conference, and A. H. Lester of the South Carolina Conference, addressed the audience. On motion of W. Crook, the annual report was adopted. The audience was then dismissed with the benediction; after which, the members were requested to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed to nominate candidates being absent, the Board of the past year was nominated and elected: Rev. N. Talley, *President;* Revs. T. R. Walsh and Wm. Martin, *Vice-Presidents;* Rev. John A. Porter, *Secretary:* Rev. D. J. Simmons, *Treasurer.*

Managers—L. Chapin, Thos. J. Warren, Dr. Charles Williams, F. A. Connor, Hon. Gabriel Cannon, Rev. H. Asbury, Dr. S. D. Sanders, Hon. Donald R. Barton, Jas. M. Richardson and the Presiding Elders *ex officio.*

A committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of calling a Sunday-school convention during the coming year, with full power to call a convention, if they think proper, without further reference to the Board. Robert Bryce, Revs. N. Talley and R. J. Boyd constitute that committee.

The Society then adjourned.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

Sunday-school Society of the South Carolina Conference.

DECEMBER 13TH, 1861.

In making this annual review of the Sunday-school cause, the Board of Managers would call the attention of the ministers especially to the true position of the Sabbath-school, in the Church of God. While no divine ordinance is claimed for the present organization, nor may any apostolic precept be quoted in its support, the religious education of children may be sustained as a part of the work of the church by the soundest reasons as well as by the safest theology.

The old maxim, that "every man is the architect of his own fortune," is neither true in theory nor sustained by facts. Our mutual dependence and natural sympathy bring the different elements of society into such intimate and constant fellowship, that the development of character is more the result of circumstances than of individual election. Though personal responsibility is not lessened, the social obligations become mighty, in view of the influence, example, and the power of personal friendship upon those around us. With the young, this influence is almost irresistible. The infant mind is not much more than the unwritten book, whose fair pages may be filled with inscriptions of purity and truth, or blotted over with hideous deformities. The soul is a quiet pool, whose unstirred waters may be turned out in gentle streams of refreshment, or poured forth in torrents to desolate the hearts of parents and the hopes of the church. The veneration for age, the love for parents, and the authority of family government give to the precepts and examples received by children, a sacredness and power which few can resist. The unsuspecting faith of childhood does not question these early directions given to its character, and willingly yields to the mould which stamps its destiny. Hence, the sacred truth, "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Some of the world's philosophers tell us, that early religious training will only make hypocrites and formalists. The early occupation of the mind by the truths of the Bible

will so familiarize us with sacred things, that they become ineffectual to control except by the force of habit. It may be admitted, that the forced and unwilling subjection of children to the mere formula of religion, without the intelligent comprehension of the great truths of Christianity, and a willing acceptance of religion by faith and repentance, may create aversion or settle down into formalism. But the faithful instruction in the truths of the Bible and the affectionate lessons of the Redeemer's love to a sinful race, cannot fail, with the blessing of God, to establish correct principles and lead to a life of holiness.

In theology it is no longer regarded true, that "the greater the sinner, the greater the saint." It is not necessary that the heart should be left as a wilderness to grow rich by neglect. Early cultivation will mellow the soil and constantly improve its richness. When the growth of sinful passions is vigorous, the alienation from God is proportionate, and the probability of a return equally diminished. Conscience is neither innate or instinctive. It is the exercise of a sound judgment under the direction of the Word of God. Here is the strong necessity of early religious education—patient, faithful instruction, in which the silent and invisible truth shall slowly yet surely impart life and animation to the soul. The beauty of spring and the fruits of autumn are not the creations of a day. The age of miracles is past—the time of labor and toil in the vineyard of the Lord has come. While the truth of sudden conversions is not denied, nor the genuineness of revivals questioned, it is much to be feared that the great fervor of the Methodist evangelization may tempt us to underrate the gentler and more gracious power of religious education.

Children stand in the same relation to the atonement as adults. For them the same precious gifts and graces have been purchased. Into their minds the same divine light may shine, and upon their hearts the same blessed spirit of grace descend. As soon as the mind is sufficiently instructed to give them a conscientious regard for God and the things of His kingdom; they are brought fully in connection with all the redeeming agencies of the gospel. To them, then, must the gospel be preached. In the commission, therefore, to preach the gospel to every creature, is the constituted authority of the Sunday-school. This institution may no longer be regarded as a simple adjunct or accidental appendix to the church; but it is a part of its constitution, and must be sustained by its sympathy, devotion and labor. Let no one called to preach the word suppose that children may be neglected, without criminal blame; let none imagine that his indifference is covered by the lame excuse of lacking talent for the work. The hearty co-operation of the most mature in piety and the most learned among the laity should be enlisted for this cause. The Sabbath-school

need not be made a lecture room, but the place where childhood shall learn to reverence and worship God. Dignified by aged piety, it will fill the youthful mind with solemnity, and, enlivened with song, it will lift their hearts to the throne of grace.

The decided advantages of early religious training are known by all. Not only may the world be more readily converted by this instrumentality, but the style of Christian character will be greatly elevated. We are not of those who believe that ignorance is the mother of devotion. Ignorance is a prolific parent, it is true, but it is the parent of superstition and error. The progeny is debased in character, perverted in conscience, misguided in motive, and uncertain in action. The fitful emotions of which it is susceptible are as evanescent as the borealis race that flits ere you can point the place. But the religious character which is the result of an intelligent faith, is as the sun going on to the perfect day. The emotional element of religion is highly important in the perfect character, but it must be as the leaves and flowers sustained by the solid body of the plant.

Nor do the advantages of Sabbath-schools stop here, but the piety of children is a rich inheritance to the church. The influence exerted by them directly sustains and encourages the work of God among those of riper years. The simple utterances of childhood go home to the hearts of parents with a power that mocks the eloquence of the pulpit. In the family circle the guards and defences of infidelity and unbelief are thrown off, and the arrows of truth come fledged with love. How often has the stony heart, which has resisted the hammer of the word, yielded under the fire kindled by infant songs and infant prayers. The sword of the strong man bounds off from the back of the leviathan in mockery of the arm that wields it, but when the joints of his mailed armor are loosened a child may pierce him through. God has wisely chosen the weak things of the earth to confound the mighty, and we rejoice to welcome children as coworkers in the Lord.

In addition to this direct contribution to conversion of the world, the piety of children adds much to strength of faith and the fervor of devotion in the church. Their unquestioning belief in God, their simple and easy access to Jesus show us the way of comfort and safety when our pathway is darkened. Their feet tread with confidence where we tremble to advance, and their loving confidence beckon us on amid perils and dangers. And what shall we say of their death? These little ones so loved and dear in life, become doubly dear while dying. How they disarm death of his power and the grave of its terror, when we follow these little pilgrim feet to the waters of the Jordan. Their footprints here are beacons on the shore of death; they are lights which illuminate the valley and shadow

of the grave. Many a trembling saint has mounted above the fear of death as the loved child has passed away talking of heaven and the blessed Saviour, of whom they sang so often in the Sabbath-school or family circle. These songs, too, live with us when they are gone. They come back to us in the chamber where they lay; they are echoed to us as from angel children. They melt the soul, they kindle our devotion, they cheer our sorrows and fill us with holy anticipations of happy reunion above. Thank God for the Sunday-school and the piety of children!

It is true there are many difficulties at present in this noble work. Many of our most efficient teachers have been called off in the service of their country, but many praying mothers and sisters are left behind. To them will mainly be committed this work. Let them but know that the cause of God demands the sacrifice of ease and comfort, and they will be ready for the task. Call them to these altars, and if all the ministers themselves be taken away, they will keep alive these sacred fires. It is said that when the Jews were carried into captivity, the priests hid some of the fire off their altars at the gates of the temple; and now, while our fathers and brothers are lying in dungeons, sickening in hospitals or suffering in camps, let woman see that, when this captivity and exile is ended, the temple worship shall resound again in higher devotion and with holier sacrifices, to the God of our fathers.

Resolved, That, as a Society, we will not allow the excitement of the war, nor the demands of patriotism to lessen our zeal in the Sabbath-school cause.

BOOKS AND TRACTS.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS OF THE BOOK AND TRACT SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA AND FLORIDA CONFERENCES.

OFFICERS.—G. W. Williams, *President;* Robt. Bryce, *Treasurer;* T. R. Walsh, *Secretary.*

MANAGERS.—B. F. Evans, L. Chapin, H. A. C. Walker, W. P. Mouzon, R. J. Boyd.

SOUTHERN METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE, AT NASHVILLE, TENN.

The Conference adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, so long as the business of the publishing house is conducted in a safe and legitimate manner, we pledge our-

selves, as a Conference, to a hearty co-operation with the agents, to help forward and sustain the enterprise.

Resolved, That the South Carolina Conference do hereby respectfully and earnestly solicit, hereafter, as their right in the premises, from the book agent, an exhibit so full and explicit as to make known the financial condition of the publishing, and other operations of our publishing house.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

1. It shall be the duty of the Board, after ascertaining the whole amount of claim against them, annually to apportion the same to the several circuits and stations in the Conference district, and each preacher having charge of a circuit or station, shall furnish his successor with the amount apportioned to his charge.

2. Each preacher shall make all necessary effort to collect the money apportioned to his charge by the Board.

3. The preacher in charge of each circuit, shall (at the close of the Conference year) fix the first appointment for his successor at the church nearest the parsonage, or place of boarding; and shall allow him, thereafter, at least one week, to arrange for the year; during which time (the day to be fixed the preceding year by the preacher and stewards) the stewards shall hold the first meeting at the parsonage or place of boarding, at which it shall be the duty of each steward to attend.

4. Each Board of Stewards, respectively, shall ascertain the whole claim against the circuit for the current year, both for quarterage and travelling expenses, as definitely as possible; and they shall then make an estimate of the family expenses of the preacher or preachers, of the circuit, including servants' hire and house rent (if a house is to be rented), and the entire claim against the circuit for the current year shall be apportioned to the several congregations composing the circuit, forthwith; each congregation to be notified immediately of the amount it is expected to collect.

5. The stewards shall divide the congregations composing the circuit among themselves, and shall make all necessary efforts to collect the amounts apportioned to them.

6. It shall be the duty of the stewards to open subscription books in each congregation, to meet the current claim; and they shall also cause public collections to be taken up, if they deem it necessary, for the same purpose.

7. The stewards shall settle with the preachers quarterly,

and to this end the subscriptions shall be taken in quarterly instalments.

8. The Conference collections for the support of our superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers, and to meet the claims of preachers deficient in quarterage, shall be taken up in each congregation, as early in the year as practicable.

9. The Board of District Stewards shall be a Standing Board for four years; *provided, nevertheless,* that should any vacancy occur in the Board, such vacancy shall be supplied by the Quarterly Conference; and each district steward shall be charged with collecting the amount apportioned for the Presiding Elder, to the circuit or station where he resides.

10. The Board of District Stewards shall be charged with the work of supplying the district parsonage with suitable furniture, and shall be authorized to take up collections for this object, in their respective charges.

11. Each member of the Joint Board, and more especially the chairman thereof, shall feel it his duty to be active in endeavoring to improve the financial condition of the Church, by correspondence with the stewards of the several charges, by public addresses to the Church, at suitable times, or in any other way he may deem best.

12. The Circuit Stewards shall make arrangements early in the year, if they deem it necessary, to receive from the congregations assigned to them, such provisions as they may be able to give, for the support of the preacher's family, which shall be delivered at the parsonage, at market prices, and shall be placed to the credit of the Church sending it, as family expenses.

13. The Board of Stewards, on their respective charges, are requested to co-operate with the ministers laboring among them, in securing the amount the charge has been requested to collect as Conference collection, by private applications to our wealthier members, and, if necessary, by public collections in their respective congregations.

14. The respective Boards of Stewards shall have authority to retain any surplus Conference collections, to meet the deficiencies, if any, in the current expenses in the charge where it is collected.

15. The missionaries are requested to solicit donations for the benefit of the superannuated preachers, widows and orphans of preachers, together with deficient effective preachers of the Conference, from the white membership of the church under their care.

16. The Presiding Elders shall constitute a Standing Committee to ascertain the names of claimants, and the amount of claim each has upon the funds managed by the Board, which information shall be placed in the hands of some member of

the Board, during the first or second day of the session of the Conference, annually.

17. Whenever an effective claimant receives on his work an amount equal to his quarterage, he shall have no claim on the funds of this Board.

18. We recommend all our circuits and stations to publish, from year to year, in one or more of the papers published in the district or county, the names of the stewards of each circuit and station for the current year.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.—J. Stacy, *Chairman;* S. B. Jones, *Secretary and Treasurer;* S. Leard, W. Martin, C. Murchison, J. W. North, D. J. Simmons, and C. McLeod, of the clergy; and S. Olin Talley, Columbia, S. C.; Jos. P. Smith, Spartanburg, S. C.; George W. Williams, Charleston; S. M. Stevenson, Marion, S. C.; Dr. J. H. Dogan, Union, S. C.; Dr. W. J. T. Miller, Shelby, N. C., of the laity.

The Board, with the concurrence of the Conference, ordered the following

ASSESSMENTS FOR CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS FOR 1862.

Cumberland, $85. Trinity, $125. Bethel, $125. Spring Street, $50. Walterboro', $100. Bamberg, $85. Allendale, $85. Black Swamp, $165. Bluffton mission, $30. Orangeburg, $175. Cypress, $150. Cooper River, $75. St. George's, $100. Blackville, $100. Barnwell, $40. Aiken and Graniteville, $40. Lexington, $60. Marion station, $75. Marion circuit, $100. Georgetown, $80. Conwayboro', $50. Darlington station, $50. Lynchburg, $50. Lynch's Creek, $50. Darlington circuit, $85. Brownsville, $85. Williamsburg, $85. Columbia: Washington Street, $175; Marion Street, $75. Richland Fork, $25. Fairfield, $100. Chester, $40. Rocky Mount, $80. Richland circuit, $50. Camden, $75. Sumter station, $75. Sumter circuit, $175. Santee, $100. Sandy River mission, $25. Cokesbury, $125. Abbeville, $100. Edgefield, $50. Butler, $30. Newberry station, $30. Newberry circuit, $125. Ninety-Six, $75. Saluda River, $25. Rocky Pond, $25. Laurens, $100. Anderson, $25. Pendleton, $25. Williamston, $25. Pickens, $25. Wadesboro' circuit, $60. Wadesboro' station, $75. Albemarle, $25. Concord, $30. Ansonville, $40. Monroe, $50. Lancaster, $60. Chesterfield, $25. Cheraw, $75. Bennettsville, $150. Lincolnton, $50. Dallas, $25. Yorkville station, $30. Rock Hill, $50. Pineville, $50. Charlotte station, $35. Charlotte circuit, $50. Catawba, $50. South Mountain mission, $25. Lenoir, $40. John's River mission, $25. Morganton, $50. Shelby, $50. Spartanburg station, $100. Spartanburg circuit, $30. Rutherfordton, $40. McDowell, $25.

Pickensville, $25. Greenville station, $30. Greenville circuit, $50. Union, $130. Goshen Hill, $75. Pacolet, $35 Broad River mission, $25. Keowee mission, $25. Columbus mission, $25.

Bishop's Fund.—Charleston District, $100. Orangeburg District, $100. Columbia District, $100. Marion District, $100. Cokesbury District, $100. Wadesboro' District, $50. Lincolnton District, $50. Spartanburg District, $50.

INCORPORATED CONFERENCE.

This body held its Annual Session in the Conference room, at Chester, December 14, 1861, Dr. W. Smith, *President*, in the chair.

The following brethren were unanimously elected members, according to the provisions of the charter: J. B. Campbell, J. W. McRoy, J. W. Coward, J. Hutchison, A. S. Link, T. J. Clyde, J. W. Humbert, A. J. Stokes, L. C. Weaver, T. W. Munnerlin, and M. Brown.

The reports of the Board of Managers and of the Treasurer represented the various funds of the Conference in a sound condition, and the usual appropriations to claimants were made and handed out for distribution.

The policy of the Conference is, to give aid where it is most needed.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Rev. W. Smith, D.D., *President;* H. A. C. Walker, *First Vice-President;* A. M. Shipp, *Second Vice-President;* W. Martin, *Third Vice-President;* ——— ———, *Fourth Vice-President;* W. A. Gamewell, *Secretary.*

Managers.—A. Wallace, R. Bryce, S. Bobo, G. W. Williams, and Dr. E. T. Rembert.

Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I. This Association shall be denominated "The Historical Society of the South Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to collect and preserve information in connection with the rise and progress of Methodism within the bounds of the South Carolina Annual Conference and elsewhere; likewise, objects of curiosity and interest in the form of manuscripts, books, pamphlets, medals, portraits, etc., etc., and anything that may shed light upon this interesting subject.

Art. III. The property of this Association shall be deposited at Wofford College, and each article numbered and labelled legibly with the name of the Association, the name of the donor, and date at which it was presented; the number, etc., to correspond with a like entry upon a register kept for that purpose.

Art. IV. All the property of the Association shall be open to the inspection of the members of the Society and others, under such restrictions and regulations as may be adopted by the Board of Curators; and in no case shall any article of any kind be removed from the Museum or Depository; which Depository shall contain, under the same restrictions and regulations, for the benefit of the members, a Library, as rapidly formed as circumstances may admit.

Art. V. The interests of the Society shall be under the supervision of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, three Curators, and a Board of nine Managers; the said officers to be elected annually, and continue in office until their successors be appointed.

Art. VI. The Officers and Managers shall meet annually at the seat of the Conference session. Five shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business—the Curators being *ex officio* members of the Board. The Society shall meet annually, during the Conference session, for the purpose of hearing a lecture, electing officers, and attending to any other necessary business. The times and places of the meeting of the

Board and Society shall be made known by the President of the Association.

ART. VII. An initiation fee of *Fifty Cents*, and an annual contribution of *Fifty Cents*, shall constitute a member for one year; *Ten Dollars*, a life member; and donations of value shall constitute the donor an honorary member.

ART. VIII. The Board of Managers shall have charge of the interests of the Society, and the Curators during the intervals of the meeting of said Board; the remaining officers shall perform the duties usually appertaining to such officers.

ART. IX. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Society by a vote of two-thirds of the members present; *provided*, such alterations have been previously approved by the Board of Managers.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS, HELD IN CHESTER, DECEMBER 16, 1861.

The Board was called to order by the Rev. N. Talley, *Vice-President.*

On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to place the sum of fifty dollars at the disposal of the Curators for the purchase of books connected with the interests of the Society; purchases to be made with the advice and concurrence of Dr. A. M. Shipp.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That R. Bryce, Esq., is hereby requested to receive and place in the hands of the Curators at Spartanburg the books donated to the Society by the friends of the late Bishop Capers, and that the Secretary return the hearty thanks of the Society to them for the valuable gift.

The parchments of the late Rev. Arthur Lipsey, formerly a member of the South Carolina Conference, were presented to the Society by his surviving wife, the venerable Mrs. Lipsey, and a letter of thanks was directed to be returned.

A committee was, on motion, appointed to renominate officers for the Society for the ensuing year, and also suitable persons to prepare historical sketches.

The Board then adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, HELD IN CHESTER, DECEMBER 17, 1861.

The meeting was opened with religious services, the Rev. N. Talley, *Vice-President*, in the Chair.

The Rev. A. M. Shipp, D. D., was introduced as the lecturer for the present meeting.

Dr. Shipp proceeded to read sketches of the rise and progress of Methodism in South Carolina, which were highly interesting to all present.

The following officers were elected for the year 1862:

W. A. Gamewell, *President;* N. Talley, *First Vice-President;* Dr. A. M. Shipp, *Second Vice-President;* R. J. Boyd, *Third Vice-President;* A. J. Stacy, *Recording Secretary;* F. A. Mood, *Corresponding Secretary;* F. M. Kennedy, *Treasurer.*

Curators.—Robert Boyce, Simpson Bobo and James H. Carlisle.

Managers.—T. R. Walsh, James Stacy, J. T. Wightman, W. Martin, W. Crook, W. A. McSwain, B. English, M. Brown and O. A. Darby.

Historical Lecturers for the next Anniversary.—Dr. A. M. Shipp and J. T. Wightman.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Curators at Spartanburg are hereby respectfully requested to furnish the Society with an annual report of the contents and condition of the historical rooms, together with any other information they may deem proper.

The following members were appointed to prepare historical sketches to be deposited in the archives of the Society:

H. A. C. Walker, W. A. McSwain, C. Taylor, F. A. Mood, W. G. Connor, R. P. Franks, R. J. Boyd, W. P. Mouzon, N. Talley, W. Crook, S. Leard, G. W. Moore, C. Betts, W. A. Gamewell, W. Martin, H. M. Mood, J. Stacy, C. Murchison, Dr. W. Smith, B. English, J. Watts and T. R. Walsh.

The cordial thanks of the Society were, on motion, returned to Dr. A. M. Shipp for his active and persevering efforts to advance its interests.

Adjourned with the benediction.